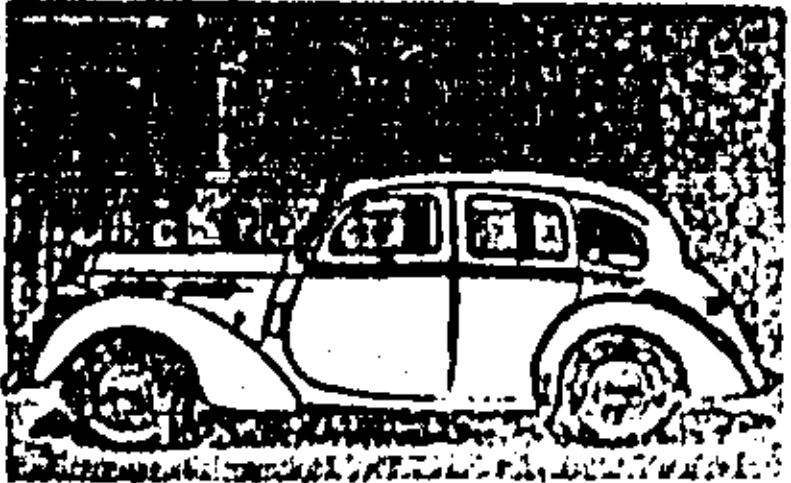


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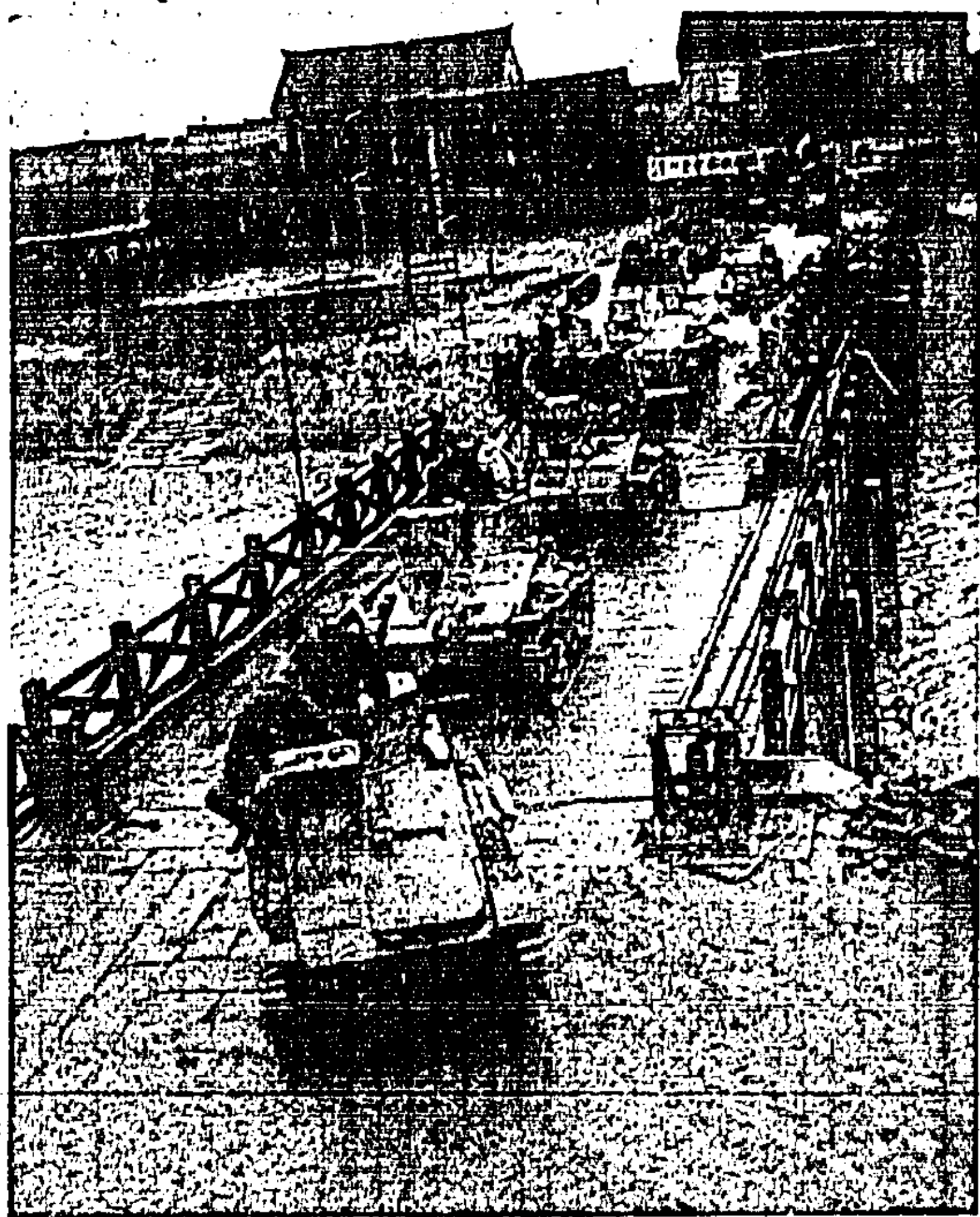
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## EPIC DEFENCE OF GOLDEN BRIDGE BY DEATH SQUAD

THE STUBBORNNESS OF THE CHINESE DEFENCE OF NANCHANG IS REVEALED BY THE FACT THAT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES DURING THE PAST 96 HOURS HAVE BEEN THE SEVEREST OF ANY ENGAGEMENT IN THE ENTIRE SINO-JAPANESE WAR. Japanese communiques admit that Japanese losses have been severe, but give no figures.



JAPANESE MECHANIZED units, similar to those employed in the capture of Nanchang, entering Kwaiyin City this month.

## TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27.

THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED Chinese language newspapers are waging a violent anti-British campaign, such slogans as "Destroy the British Flag," "Boycott British Goods," "Confiscate British Property," and "Drive Out All Britons" being splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to the employees of British, including the Postulates, to leave their posts.—*Reuter*.

ATTEMPT TO END CHUNGKING, Mar. 27.

The "New China Daily," the Communist organ here, editorially reviews the latest anti-British move which is being carried out by the Japanese in the occupied zones in China.

It says the move includes the retrocession of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the Kowloon leased territory, the return of Hongkong to China, the boycott of British goods, prohibition of British shipping and the abolition of all British interests and privileges in China.

The immediate goal of the Japanese anti-British movement is the destruction of Sino-British friendship, thus cutting British assistance to China.

The eventual objective, the editorial says, will be a Japanese movement to wrest British rights and interests in the Far East into Japanese hands.

TIE UP WITH EUROPE

Primarily, it adds, the movement has nothing to do with the Chinese masses, though the Japanese have encouraged the puppets in Peiping (Continued on Page 4.)

## TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

Rumania Informs Britain Of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 27. IN A STATEMENT in the House of Commons on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Rumanian Government had informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement contained no political clause, and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade, and the promotion of better relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

BRITISH MISSION GOING

In this connection, the Premier mentioned the recent decision to (Continued on Page 4.)

It is claimed, however, that in one day's fighting the Chinese losses were 3,700 dead and 770 were taken prisoners.

An official Japanese communique this morning claimed that the strongly-reinforced Chinese defences on the upper reaches of the Siu River have crumbled in the centre and it was stated that at 6 a.m. to-day the Japanese were within four miles of Wuning, the former Chinese G.H.Q.

Taipeishan and Tanghutow are claimed to have been captured by the Japanese during all-night fighting.

### STUBBORN RESISTANCE

The Japanese communiques admit that the Chinese resistance has been surprisingly stubborn.

At no point have the Chinese abandoned their well-fortified trenches and the Japanese advance has been made possible only by the virtual wiping out of Chinese defence positions with point-blank artillery fire and low-flying bombers.

The Chinese Third, Sixteenth, 53rd and 77th Divisions bore the brunt of the Japanese attack.

The Sixteenth Division, which was reorganised following severe losses in the Battle of Tachin last October, has again sustained heavy losses in the defence of the Wuning area.

### Unique in History

The Japanese are now in complete control of Nanchang, the Rising Sun flag being hoisted above the Castle Gate at 6.40 p.m. last night.

Thus, for the first time in history, Nanchang's 900-year-old walls, 22 miles in circumference, have fallen flags flying above them.

Since the beginning of the Christian Era Nanchang has never been occupied by an invading force.

The nearest it came to invasion was during the Taiping Rebellion last century.

The Taipings besieged the city for a month but were unable to penetrate the walls.

In the minds of Nanchang residents credit for the city's remarkable record of inviolability is due to the city's great deified saint, Hsu Chin Yang, who at one time saved the province from flood by killing a dragon snake which was threatening to make the province a part of the Yellow Sea.

Hsu cast the dragon into a well and as a result he was in A.D. 200 deified and made "Universal Lord of Happiness." Many temples in all parts of China are dedicated to him.

### Sacrificed Lives

The most thrilling episode in the entire battle for Nanchang is revealed by a Japanese admission of the bravery of a lone Chinese squad which sacrificed itself in order to dynamite the famous Chungcheng (Golden) Bridge across the Kan River.

The Chinese squad barricaded itself inside a concrete pillbox outside the Castle Gate of the city and with machine guns, commanded all approaches to the bridge while sappers worked under fire to place the dynamite charges.

Repeated efforts by the Japanese to cross the bridge were frustrated by the hail of machine-gun fire.

Tanks were finally brought into action. The tiny Chinese unit was completely wiped out by cannon fire. As the Japanese tanks were crossing the bridge, however, it blew up with a terrific detonation.

The dynamiting of the bridge held up the Japanese advance into Nanchang for 24 hours, and explains the reason why the railway station was captured at 9 o'clock in (Continued on Page 4.)

## £30,000,000 FOR FRANCO

The Spanish Nationalist authorities are seeking to recover some £30,000,000 gold deposited in France by the Republicans.

This is only an estimate. The exact amount deposited is not known.

The Bank of France holds £20,000,000 in bars. This was deposited by the Bank of Spain in 1931 as security for a loan. Other large amounts have been deposited at various French banks. It is not yet known how much of this has been spent. The remainder will be credited to the Nationalist Government.

Another item is gold and silver seized by the French Customs at Cerbere. It is believed to amount to £1,500,000.

## HUNGARIAN SLOVAK DISPUTE

New Move Along Southern Front

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27. HUNGARIAN IRREGULARS and Free Corps units are reported to have entered Slovakia to-day, across the southern frontier at Medzev, where they are attempting to occupy frontier villages.

At the same time the fighting on the eastern frontier is reported to be subsiding.

Negotiations to settle outstanding questions between Hungary and Slovakia began at midday.—*Reuter*.

REICH "PAINFULLY SURPRISED"

Berlin, Mar. 27. Political circles are "painfully surprised" at the "renewed anti-German incident caused by the Polish Western League at the southern end of the Polish Corridor" at Bromberg, according to an inspired statement issued to the foreign press to-day, which adds that anti-German riots in Poland are increasing.

A Warsaw message says that it is authoritatively stated that nothing is known of any serious "incident at Bromberg."

Minor incidents involving Germans and Poles are constantly being reported, but nothing has occurred to justify the language of the Berlin statements.—*Reuter*.

### HUNGARIAN OFFENSIVE

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27. A reliable report from Porjes states that the Hungarians have launched an offensive in the Michalovec and Sobrance sector.

Bombing planes and artillery are being used.

This offensive coincides with the Slovak delegation's departure to Budapest for peace negotiations.

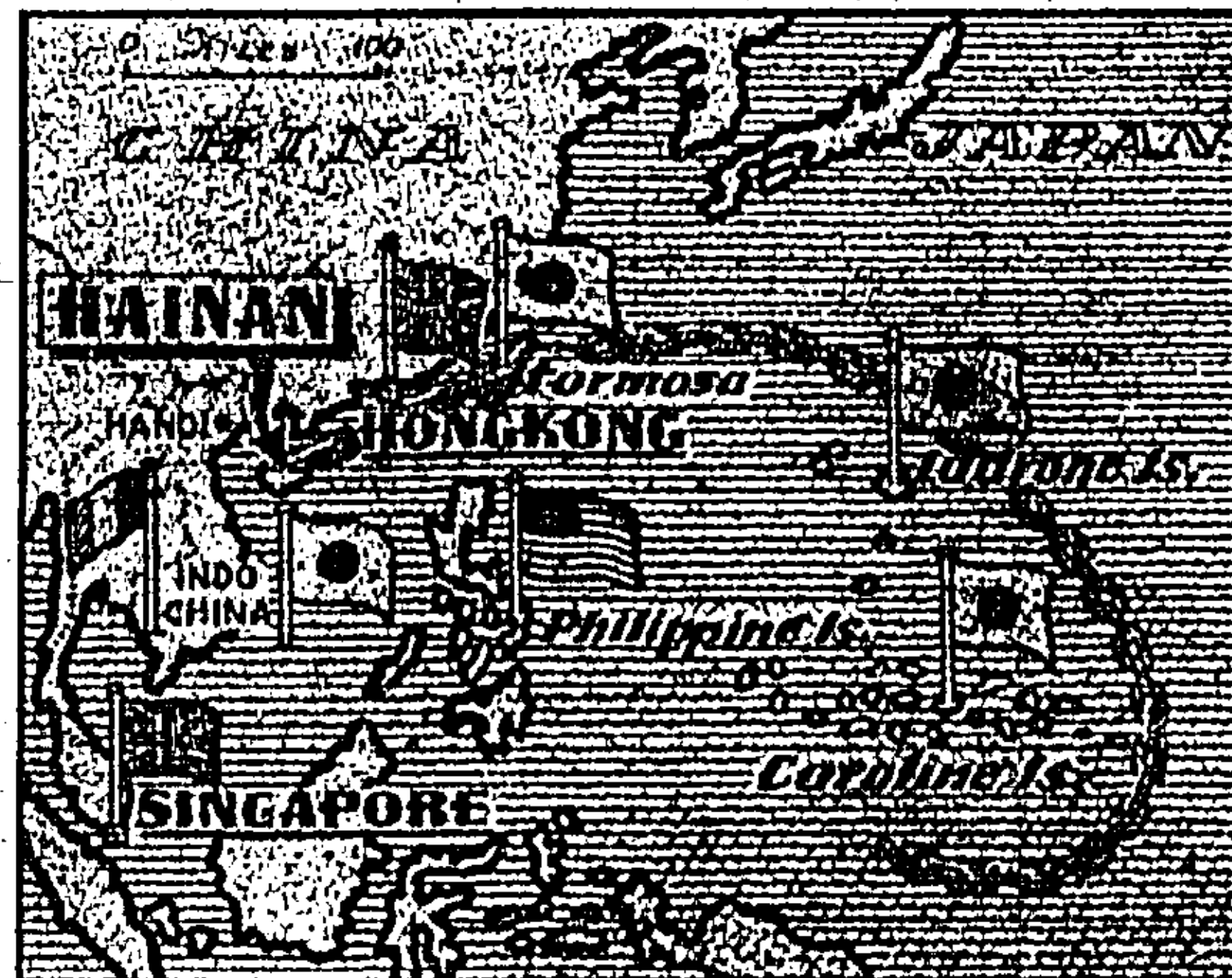
The reports state the offensive was well organised. The bombing planes and artillery first pounded the Slovak defences after which the infantry advanced but were repulsed by the Slovaks.

It is assumed here that this was made as a last effort to advance the Hungarian occupation as far as possible in case no negotiations are based primarily on the territory each army holds.—*United Press*.

## LITHUANIAN SHAKE-UP

KOVNO, Mar. 27.—The Lithuanian Cabinet has resigned. This forms a climax to the political crisis which resulted from the German occupation of Memel.

The President has given General Johan Tsernatus, the Chief of Staff, the task of forming a new cabinet. It is understood that the utmost will be done to form a government uniting all parties.—*United Press*.



With footholds in Hainan, Canton and Formosa, and in her mandated island in the Ladrone and Caroline groups, Japan rings the United States outpost in the Philippines, and straddles the route from Singapore to Hongkong and Shanghai.

## DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN DEFENCE SERVICE

LONDON, Mar. 27. THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's pre-occupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant.

The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 365 days a year.

### EMPIRE SECURITY

Britain feels, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Air Force and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attack from the axis powers.

Australia and New Zealand, although remote from Japan, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—*United Press*.

### Anglo-Russian Trade Parleys

Moscow, Mar. 27. A communique issued after Mr. R. S. Hudson's talks with Soviet officials, states that the foundation laid for trade negotiations will be continued in London.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact has been established for co-operation in international affairs.—*Reuter*.

### Italy Now Has Enough Oil

Rome, Mar. 27. The Italian Economic Agency to-day declared that Italy is now able to produce enough petrol for her aviation needs.—*Reuter*.

## £10-a-head in Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 27. AUSTRALIA is to spend £10,000,000 equal to nearly £10 per inhabitant by the year 1940-41 on strengthening her defences.

The Australian Navy vote is up from £15,333,000 to £20,548,000; the Army vote from £11,612,000 to £19,704,000; and the Air Force bill from £12,612,000 to £16,444,000.

The Australian Air Force has placed orders for bombers in Britain and the United States, and will soon total 212 warplanes. Its personnel will increase by 800 men a year for the next three years.

The standing army has been doubled—from 10,000 men to 20,000. In addition, a campaign, recently launched by Mr. Lyons, Federal Premier, to recruit a militia of 80,000 men, is expected to be completed in a few days.

## DRIVE ON MADRID

Franco's Big Effort To End War

HENDAYE, Mar. 27. THE NATIONALISTS to-day drove through the Loyalist lines in south and central Spain and prepared to march on Madrid, without any important resistance.

The negotiations for surrender are apparently bogged because the Defence Council felt they were unable to control the anarchists and others.

According to Nationalist advices the Republican troops are fighting with the civilians in the suburbs of Madrid, demanding the city's immediate surrender.

The Nationalists have announced that General Franco has also opened a new offensive in the Toledo and broken the Republican lines.

It is reported that he has co-ordinated the Pozoblanco drive in a pincer action against Ciudad Real.—*United Press*.

### DRIVE ON TOLEDO

Burgos, Mar. 27. General Franco's forces have struck in the Toledo sector.

They claim to have broken the Republican front and to have penetrated to a considerable depth.

The Republicans are stated to be in disordered flight near the Toledo bridgehead.—*Reuter*.

### ITALIAN AIR CLAIMS

Rome, Mar. 27. It is officially stated that Italian legionary aviation in Spain has brought down 903 enemy aircraft from the beginning of the Spanish civil war until March 22.

Italian air force losses in Spain during the same period were 59 officers and 233 other ranks, while 88 aircraft were lost.—*Reuter Special*.

## Gold Exports To Czecho-Slovakia

London, Mar. 27. The Czecho-Slovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—*Reuter*.

## Rebel C. in C. Killed

Shot Dead In Round-Up

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27.

ABDUL RAHIM, the so-called rebel commander-in-chief, was shot dead while trying to break a cordon thrown round a village near Nablus to-day.

Another report says that the first shooting outrage for some weeks resulted to-day in the serious wounding of a Jew in the Muarara quarter of Jerusalem.

A 48-hour stay-at-home order has been imposed in the area.

Another Jew was shot dead in Tiberias, and the curfew was immediately imposed.

A third outrage occurred at Haifa where a Jewish supernumerary constable was fatally wounded when shots were fired at a mail van.—*Reuter Special*.

## LATEST

## Missing Plane Returns

Student Pilot Spent Night At Mirs Bay

Just as three Far East Aviation Training School planes, one of which was to have taken a "Telegraph" reporter to search for the missing student, were warming up at Kai Tak Airport this morning, the last plane was seen streaking for the Colony.

At 10.20 a.m. George Huang, the missing pilot, stepped from his Hornet Moth plane, after being "lost" since 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

He told the "Telegraph" that he had lost his direction owing to bad visibility and had landed on the beach at Mirs Bay at 4.15 p.m.

He spent the night in Mirs Bay and remained there this morning until visibility became good enough for him to take off again for Kai Tak.

See Back Page For Further Late News

## Dissension In Cabinet?

Tory Conference On Thursday

LONDON, Mar. 27. CONTINUED REPORTS of dissension in the Cabinet are not taken seriously in well-informed Parliamentary quarters, "Reuter" learns.

Consultations regarding the declaration on aggression are proceeding normally, and the Cabinet is solidly behind the Premier on this matter.

No pledge has been given Franco on the subject of conscription, and no dissension in the Cabinet on the question is apparent.

The foremost matter for consideration at the present is a review of the voluntary national register promised for the end of March.

There are indications that new developments will result, and that a comprehensive scheme for compulsory physical training of youth is a possibility.

Ministers intend to pursue every aspect of national organisation that can be fitted into the Premier's pledge that conscription will not be introduced during peace time.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, as leader of the Party, will attend the meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of the Conservative Unions and Associations at Westminster on March 30, and will address the delegates.—*Reuter*.



## 'FORTUNE KNOCKED— BUT GOT NO REPLY'

At last came the day when the dream came true. Malvernla, with its high wheels and bravery o

A campus survey here reveals that co-eds can live on \$15 a month while the lowest sum on which male students can get by is \$28. The latter explain the difference by reason of the fact that co-eds do not have to finance dates and can get most of their cigarettes by chiseling off the men.



The complete list of presentations, which started on Saturday will be published in the "Telegraph" daily this week.

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### Date Bureau Scores

**OAKLAND, Cal.**  
A "blind date" started the romance between Robert H. Higginbotham, 25, and Miss Florence Freeland, 22, which resulted in their elopement to Reno and marriage. They first met when the date bureau of the University of California assigned Higginbotham to escort Miss Freeland to a formal dance.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive. DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED, General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

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## EXAMINATION FOR LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 a.m. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m. 1st April. Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

## HONGKONG CLUB

## Notice

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERI, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

## Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

On the occasion of the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1840, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, and 2 1/2d denominations. Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter Special.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27. It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador to Chungking, who was one of the passengers aboard the C.N.A.C. plane "Lanchow" on her maiden flight to Hainan and which arrived on Saturday, went to Moscow on short leave. The Soviet Ambassador will report on Soviet-Chinese relations to the Soviet Foreign Minister.—United Press.

## Returning Soon!

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## Trade War In Europe

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despatch a British Commercial Mission.

"The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that is our intention," declared the Premier.

Rumania's agreement with Germany was in the nature of a comprehensive programme, Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its precise effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.

It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones, particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry and mining.—Reuter.

## NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retributive economic measures against Germany.

Mr. Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German broadsheet being made in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

## NO MEMEL PROTEST

Replying to another question, Mr. Butler stated that His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.

Asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to greatly to enlarge the British army, Sir Victor Warrender said that the requirements in the present situation were under consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain gave a similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

## RUMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED

Bucharest, Mar. 27.

A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Calinescu, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.

Ruthenian mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafentnu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened. He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Czakay's speech of March 23.

He said that Rumania was not frightened by Czakay, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S POLICY

London, Mar. 27.

In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain renounced the Munich Chamberlain and shied away at the Labour Party's suggestions that Britain should join the United States in economic retaliation against the "disturbances of peace" to which suggestion he made no reply.

However, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler said the Government was unable to consider such a move because the United States offer of co-operation in economic activities of the League of Nations did not include such action.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Labour member Mr. Sorensen, that it would not "serve any useful purpose" for him to make contact again with her personally.

He said Rumania had assured Britain that the German trade agreement did not contain any political clause.

Mr. Butler said the Government had not considered the possibility of an economic boycott of Germany. He also said they had not protested the occupation of Memel.

Meanwhile European tension has slackened notably on account of the moderate tone of Mussolini's speech although an undertone of apprehension continues on account of the obscurity of Hitler's intentions.—United Press.

## EPIC DEFENCE OF GOLDEN BRIDGE BY DEATH SQUAD

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the morning—nine hours before the city itself fell.

## Bravery Eulogised

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the war that the Japanese have given due credit to the bravery of their opponents.

The Japanese report of the incident stresses the bravery of the Chinese who gave their lives in the defence of the city.

Nanchang has been severely damaged by artillery and aerial bombardments and, subsequently, by fire, which is still sweeping the city this morning.

## I ASKED MUSSOLINI QUESTIONS...

(Continued from Page 6.)

Q. Suppose you come to blows with France. Have you the resources and raw materials in Italy to wage a war?

A. "We have no great natural resources." (p.216.) "A country like ours, which has no rich resources in the earth, which has a half of its area represented by mountains, cannot have great economic possibilities." (p.224.)

Q. Are we right to think that your bellicose statements are sometimes bluff, then, and that your actions will, in a real pinch, be governed by economic considerations?

A. "Before me always in my foreign policy is the economic aspect of international problems..."

"It amuses me to be called an anti-pacifist in light of our record of treaty making for peace and for smooth international dealing." (p.206.)

"I consider the corner-stone of all governmental policies is a wise and strong financial policy." (p.216.)

Q. What is your own opinion of war?

A. "War—that female of dreams and fascinations." (p.28.)

"I write of the great war from two points of view—the politics of the world and the reality of the trenches, where I have been and have learned the torture of pain." (p.34.)

"What we suffered the first months—cold, rain, mud, hunger! They did not succeed in dampening in the slightest degree my enthusiasm and my conviction as to the necessity and the inevitableness of war." (p.46.)

"I had been the most tenacious believer in the war. I had fought with all my warm soul of Italian and soldier. I lived the joy of victory... Until the time when a nation has the right of sitting with proud head among other nations the surest sign of its nobility, the vital food needed to reach greatness will always be given by those who have shed their blood and laid down their lives for their immortal country. These are the marks that the war made upon one's body, one's mind, and one's soul."

"Above all, it gave to one who was still young an understanding of the essence of mankind." (p.56.)

From Benito Mussolini's "My Autobiography," published by Hutchinson in 1928.

## TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

(Continued from Page 1.)

and Nanking to lead anti-British campaigns.

The "New China Daily" said the Japanese movement is also reaching the anti-Democratic war cries in Europe, trying to support the Berlin-Rome axis.

After the occupation of Hainan Island and the bombing of the border villages of Kowloon, the Japanese are proceeding with the campaign for the return of the British concessions to China.

The paper asserts that the killing of the British missionary at Ping-kiang, the bombing of the British mission at Chengchow and the kidnapping of Mr. Dyott in Tientsin are all Japanese acts in accordance with the Japanese slogan "Punishments of British."

Now it is time, the paper concludes, for British authorities to "repulse their ink and paper protests with actual action against Japan."—United Press.

"CRUSH HONGKONG" "Japan should have crushed Hongkong with the mailed fist." This was the theme of a speech made to the Japanese community in Shanghai by a visiting politician from Tokyo—Seigo Nakano, head of the Tohoku party of right-wing Agrarian interests in the Japanese Diet. Nakano vehemently advocated the use of force by Japan to prevent British ships supplying arms and munitions to China, and then, referring to crushing Hongkong, he said:

"The object of the Japanese campaign in China is not only China, but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."—United Press.

## U.S. Appropriations For Army

Washington, Mar. 27.

The Senate to-day passed the \$512,000,000 army appropriation Bill which now returns to the House for action on the amendments.

It is also stated that President Roosevelt has asked Congress for additional funds, totalling over \$14,250,000 for the navy for the purchase of further aeroplanes during the fiscal year of 1940.—Reuter.

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London and Paris agree that Signor Mussolini's speech has improved prospects of temporary easing of the European political tension.

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Furniture manufacturers report February new business to be over 36 per cent. above the corresponding period of 1938.

## EARNINGS:

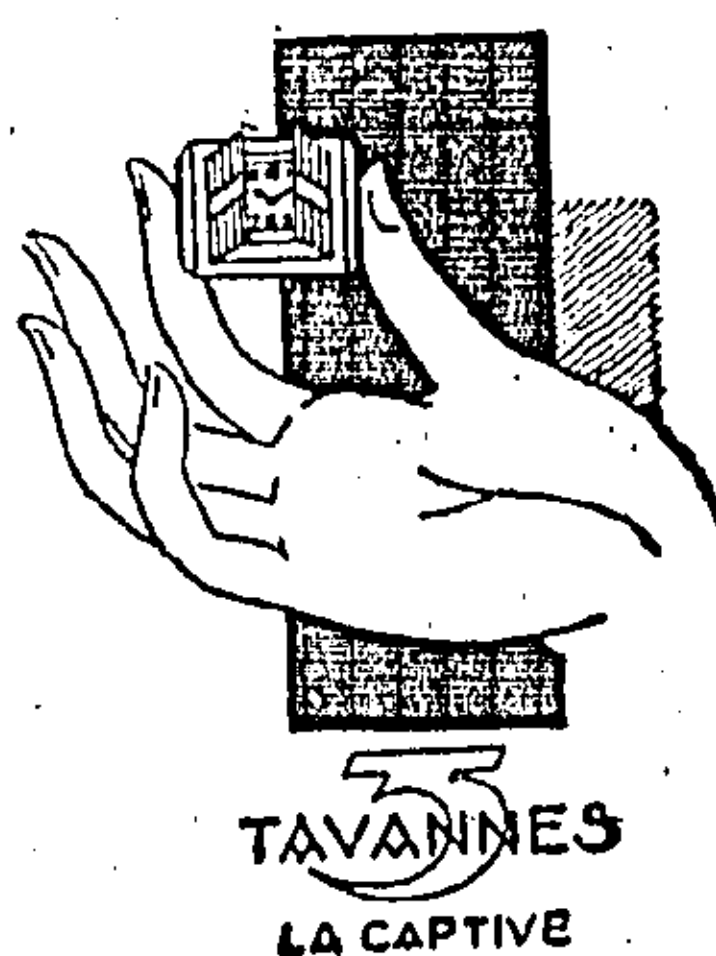
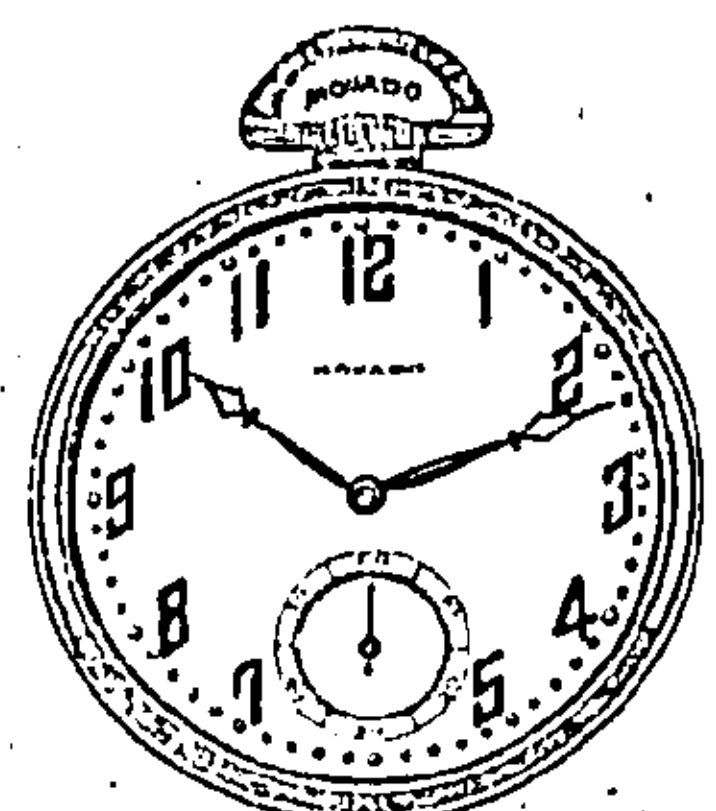
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| Anaconda Copper Mining  | Yr. 31/12   | \$1.10 | \$3.82 |
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## LONDON AVERAGES:

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## CHARITY SHOW

Relief Association to raise funds to help the war wounded and refugees. Performers in the show were mainly men of a troupe of stage actors from North China, who spoke only Mandarin. Every item on the evening's programme won the enthusiastic approval of a large audience.



AN IDEA THAT COULD BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED IN HONGKONG.—A post office improvement in England to simplify the despatch of air mail: a new sensitive balance enabling senders to find out whether their letters are under the half-ounce.

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H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 George Formby, Gracie Fields and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

Cotton-Fox-Trot (from "Cotton Club Parade")... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal by Ivy Anderson; George Formby Medley; Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fanlight Fanny... George Formby (Comedina) with His Ukulele and Orchestra; Twelfth Street Rag—Fox-Trot; Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; I Think What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley and Lyman); Like The Big Pots Do (Long)... Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orchestra; East St. Louis Toodle-Do; Rockin' Chair—Fox-Trot... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 1; Intro: Dancing with my Shadow; June in January; What a Little Moonlight can do; I've got an invitation to a Dance; Blue Moon; Easter Parade; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 2; Intro: When I grow too old to dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; In the Merry Month of May; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music. Waltz—I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trot; Xylophone; Lady Of Madrid... Joe Green (Xylophone) and Milt Herth (Organ).

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Timn Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Rotarian M. F. Key, O.B.E. Subject: "Mass Implication"; An account of a Rotary Convention.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Garden of the Moon; (b) Dreams come true; (c) Foolin' Myself; (d) When you're smiling. Swing 6.14 Record: Clownerlike (Azarola); Rumba Aerobatique (Azarola); Azarola at the Piano. 6.21 (a) Who are we to say; (b) I've got a picketful of dreams; (c) Music for Sweethearts; (d) Rhythm Excursion.

6.35 Records: Bojangles Of Harlem (film "Swing Time"); A Fine Romance (film "Swing Time")... Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Jimmy Green's Orchestra; Selon Rasmarin (Kreisler)... Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano.

6.44 (a) Stolen Heaven; (b) Wacky Dust; (c) Don't let that mean get away; (d) End Side Kick.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—The Thin Red Line.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers celebrates the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. In this programme listeners will hear of the many engagements in which the Fusiliers have fought with distinction, and of the regiment's privileges and traditions. Production by T. Rowland Hughes.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.B.C. Recording—"Love Needs a Waltz". A Radio Opera, Book and Lyrics by James Drenth. Music by K. Leslie-Smith.

9.00 The Kentucky Minstrels. True Till Death (Scott Gatti); Whisper And I Shall Hear (Piccolomini). Solist: John Duncan; Love, Could I Only Tell Thee (Bingham-Capel)... conducted by Leslie Woodgate with Herbert Dawson at the Organ.

9.15 London Relay—"Oliver Bean's Adventures". A dramatic sketch by Burgess Meredith. Scene: A test studied of a large motion picture company. Produced by Barbara Burnham.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Vienne's Desire (Scott Gatti); Let Me Awaken Your Heart (Heart's Desire); My World Is Gold Because You Love Me (Heart's Desire)... with Orchestra conducted by Idris Lewis.

10.00 London Relay—The City of London.

"Minding Lane" by C. J. Ritchie and "Billingsgate" by T. S. Dove; Introduced by Alan Ivimey.

10.20 Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique" Symphony).

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

11.00 Close Down.

## POST OFFICE.

## INWARD MAILS

| From                        | Per             | Due.      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Shanghai                    | Bolshevik       | March 28. |
| Formosa                     | Canton Maru     | March 28. |
| Swatow                      | Chungking       | March 28. |
| Amoy                        | Cremor          | March 28. |
| Manila                      | Empress of Asia | March 28. |
| Shanghai                    | Formosa         | March 28. |
| Shanghai, Amoy and Chunchow | Kwanglung       | March 28. |
| Tientsin                    | Ninghai         | March 28. |
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| Shanghai, Amoy, Chunchow    | Shantung        | March 28. |
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| Swatow                      | Anshun          | March 28. |
| Calcutta and Straits        | Tilawa          | March 28. |

## OUTWARD MAILS

| For                      | Per         | Date and Time.           |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Fort Bayard and Halphong | Tuesday     |                          |
| Swatow and Bangkok       | Jean Dupuis | Tues. Mar. 28, 2 p.m.    |
| Chunchow and Amoy        | Mulnam      | Tues. Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m. |
| Canton                   | Taiyuan     | Tues. Mar. 28, 3.30 p.m. |
| Manila                   | Canton Maru | Tues. Mar. 28, 7 p.m.    |
| Singapore                | Formosa     | Tues. Mar. 28, 7.00 p.m. |
|                          | Nagato Maru | Tues. Mar. 28, 7 p.m.    |

| For   | Per                   | Date and Time.           |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Swatow  | Sunday                |                          |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow  | Sunday                | Wed. Mar. 29, 10.30 a.m. |
| Halphong  | Hatching              | Wed. Mar. 29, 2 p.m.     |
| Parcels only for Singapore  | Tuesday               | Wed. Mar. 29, 3 p.m.     |
| Parcels and Papers only for Canada  | Cremor                | Wed. Mar. 29, 5.00 p.m.  |
| and (Letters and Papers only for U.S.A. via Vancouver, B.C.)—due Vancouver, B.C., 20th April                  | Empress of Asia       | Wed. Mar. 29, K.F.O.     |
|   | Parcels               | Mar. 29, 4.00 p.m.       |
|   | Reg.                  | Mar. 29, 5.00 p.m.       |
|   | Ord.                  | Mar. 29, 6.30 p.m.       |
|   | G. P. O.              | Mar. 29, 7.00 p.m.       |
|   | Parcels               | Mar. 29, 4.00 p.m.       |
|   | Reg.                  | Mar. 29, 5.00 p.m.       |
|   | Ord.                  | Mar. 29, 6.30 p.m.       |
|   | G. P. O. and K. P. O. | Mar. 29, 7 p.m.          |
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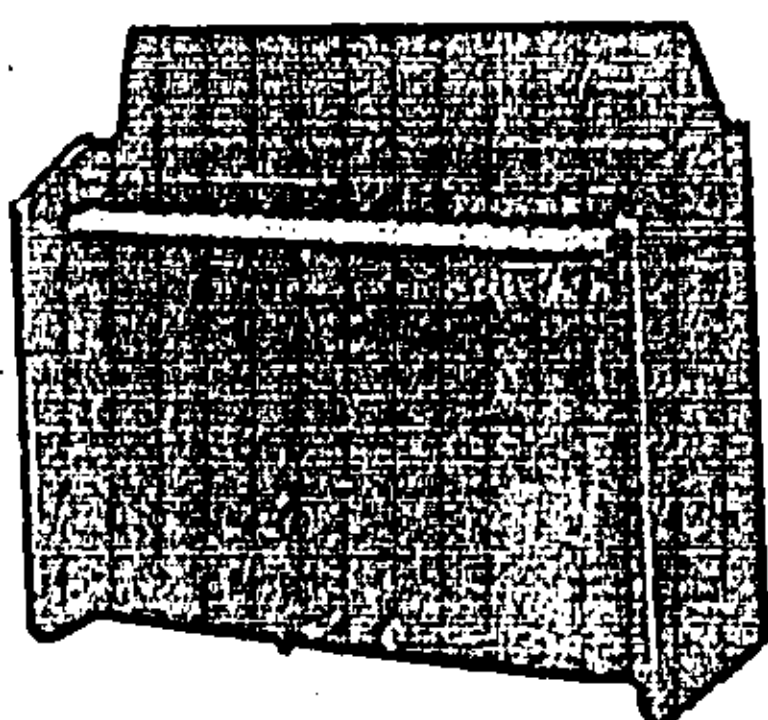
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Germany and Britain.

THERE IS no danger of war  
between Britain and Ger-  
many. That peril does not exist  
for the good and sufficient reason  
that there is at present not  
one valid reason why they  
should fight.

The treatment of the un-  
fortunate Jews in Germany  
shocks the English public. But  
it is recognised as an internal  
problem, like any other outbreak  
of crime. The rape of Czecho-  
Slovakia may at one time have  
been a reason for war, but it is  
past and is no more reason why  
Germany and Britain should  
fight than the rape of Abyssinia  
should now cause an Anglo-  
Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot ham-  
mer humanity into the Germans  
with bombs and bullets, even if  
we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a  
real desire by Germany to  
pursue Britain. There is, of course,  
some rough language. But that,  
be it admitted, comes from both  
sides, for the British Press is  
not irreproachable.

These observations are made  
without any regard to the  
merits of the case. We believe  
there is plenty of justification  
for the vituperation that has  
been poured on Germany by the  
peoples and newspapers of  
peace-loving nations. But that  
fact does not mean that there is  
going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany  
do not differ in severity, though  
they may differ in scale, from  
the offences for which Germany  
has become notorious in the  
past two years.

So what? We came nearest  
to war in September last year.  
But the world is so jittery that  
tension to-day is as great as it  
was six months ago.

Personal Impression

HOW THE news-reels open up  
the world and widen the range  
of human understanding!

Your neighbour says: "I know  
Mayor La Guardia of New York."  
You answer, "So do I," although  
you have never seen the mayor in  
the flesh. It is the news-reel which  
has given a personal impression of  
the man which no amount of read-  
ing could have brought.

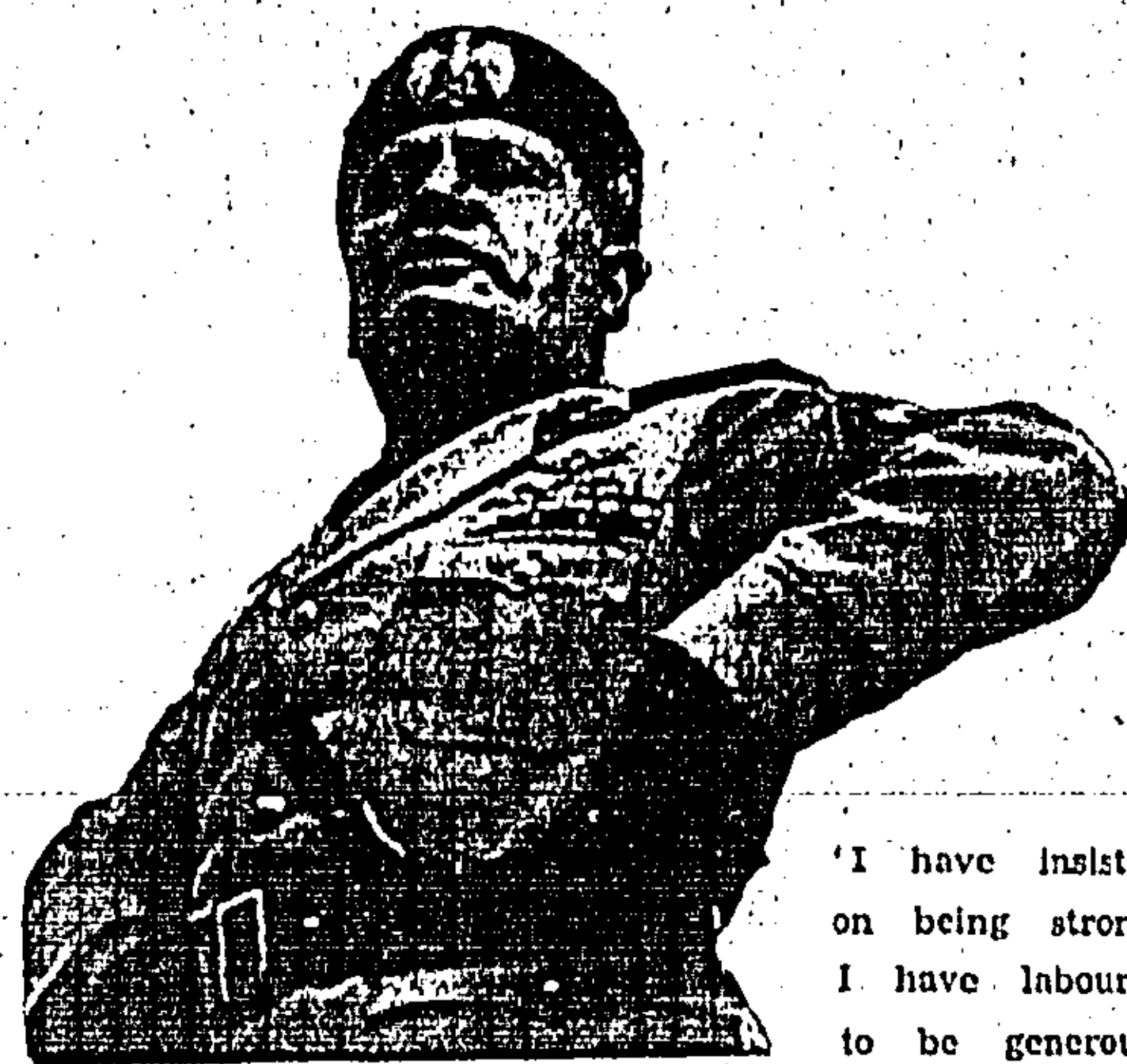
The news-reel gives the eye a  
vivid picture of what is happening  
in the world to-day and gives the  
mind an understanding of events  
that cannot be obtained from other  
sources.

There is the value of the news-  
reel. It enables the spectator to  
estimate the many angles in the  
news first received from the news-  
papers. And, of course, it is upon  
understanding that democracy is  
founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that  
censorship should exist in Hong-  
kong to the extent that those re-  
markable "March of Time" news-  
reels are so hacked and scissored  
that many of their subjects are  
rendered unintelligible. Such an  
instance occurred last week.

# 'I asked Mussolini questions ...'

First of a new series of  
articles in which questions  
are put to the Duce by  
an interpreter - and  
answered from Mussolini's  
"My Autobiography."



'I have insisted  
on being strong.  
I have laboured  
to be generous.'

Q. You signed a Fascism has clearly outgrown."  
pact with Britain (p.211.)  
to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean. Will you  
keep to it?

A. "On the delicate ground of  
treaties I explained my  
position and suggestions in a  
speech about foreign policy de-  
livered at the Chamber, Novem-  
ber 16, 1922.

"I said, then, as I always say,  
that treaties, whether bad or  
good, must be carried out. A  
respectable nation can have no  
other programme.

"But treaties are neither  
eternal nor irrevocable. They  
are chapters of history, not  
epilogues of history." (p.204.)

Q. What do you think of the  
English?

A. "The intellectual life of the  
Anglo-Saxon interests me  
especially, because of the or-  
ganised character of its culture  
and its scholastic touch and  
flavour." (p.32.)

Q. Your followers cry for  
Tunis, Corsica, Djibouti,  
Nice. Why do you want France's  
colonies?

A. "To a nation like ours,  
powerful and prolific, that  
has a need of raw materials, of  
outlets, of markets, and of land  
on account of the exuberance of  
its population, only some insigni-  
ficant rectifications of frontiers  
were granted when the glut of  
colonial spoil was passed round  
(after the war)." (p.212.)

Q. What is your colonial  
policy, then?

A. "My colonial policy has  
a simple affinity with my  
foreign policy. Even taking in-  
to consideration the virtues of  
our colonising peoples, even re-  
membering all the fine human  
material we have given for the  
development of entire regions of  
the African and American  
worlds, before the war and  
after, we had failed to realise the  
potential possibilities for our  
colonial programme....

"We missed then (just after  
the war) that legitimate satis-  
faction which should have come  
to us from right and from duty  
fulfilled during and after the  
war." (p.212.)

Q. Why do you need more  
colonies? Why did you  
take Abyssinia?

A. "Colonial development would  
not have been for us merely a  
logical consequence of our  
population problem, but would  
have constituted a formula of  
solution for our economic situa-  
tion.

"Even now... this situation  
has to find its full solution. Our  
colonies are few, and not all open  
to extensive improvement. (This  
was before he took Abyssinia—  
author)." (p.212.)

"Into these labours to rebuild  
Italy's peaceful position before  
the world, and to develop, as  
duty dictates, every colonial  
possibility which may help to  
solve our population problems, I  
have put my days and some of  
my sleepless nights." (p.213.)

Q. Despite your peaceful pro-  
testations you did not for-  
bid your Fascist followers to  
organise demonstrations before  
French consulates, demanding  
French colonies. What is your  
real opinion of such methods?

A. "It is never admissible, in  
fact, that diplomatic contro-  
versies can be twisted or  
troubled by angry popular de-  
monstrations against embassies  
or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an  
old democratic habit which

Q. You have made your Fas-  
cists hate France. Did  
you yourself always hate France?

A. "And now (in 1915) while  
Italy remained out of the  
war our first legions of volun-  
teers were organised and went  
to France to fight.... Again the  
red shirts, once distinguished as  
the saviours of Italy, now in the  
land of France testified to the  
indestructibility of Latinity.

"The past quarrels—not long  
past—of Mediterranean in-  
terests were wiped out....  
Everything was off. France  
was in danger! This I preached  
and set forth. France was in  
danger." (pp.43-4.)

Q. Why not a political deal  
with France?

A. "Italians... naturally...  
are realists and the enemies  
of all forms of political bargain-  
ing." (p.41.)

Q. You are accused of stirring  
up Italians in French  
colonies to oppose France. What  
is your attitude to Italians in  
foreign lands?

A. "I have sent forth messages  
of brotherhood and faith to  
the Italians who live beyond our  
borders. I did not give them  
the name of immigrants, because  
in the past this word has had a  
humiliating meaning, and it  
seemed in some way to designate  
an inferior category of men and  
women. I have been able, I am  
glad to say, to protect my coun-  
try-men without hurting the  
susceptibilities of other peoples.  
This protection is founded on  
international law and good sense  
in all exchanges between  
nations." (p.210.)

Q. Everybody, from Hitler on-  
wards, says he wants peace.  
Do you?

A. "There are those, no doubt,  
who regard me, as an enemy  
to the peace of the world.

"To them there is nothing to  
say unless to recommend to them  
my biography for careful read-  
ing. The record of facts is  
worth more than the accusation  
of fools." (p.201.)

"The foreign policy of Italy,  
as directed by me, has been sim-

ple, understandable... First, that we endeavour to make and  
mine is a policy of peace. It is keep peace by building and main-  
founded not upon words, ges- taining, brick by brick, stone by  
tures, and mere paper trans- stone, a structure of peace,  
action, but comes from an ele- founded on realities rather than  
vated national prestige and from on dreams and visionary plans.  
a whole net-work of agreements "I have insisted on being  
and treaties which cement har- strong, but I have laboured to  
mony between peoples." (p.211.) be generous." (p.206.)  
"We are idealists in the sense (Continued on Page 4.)

## SHADOWS of the VALLEY

"HAS HE really got to go,  
Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa  
says 'e 's not the 'orse for you,  
Missie, and 'e's about right, too.  
Can't take 'is corn, 'e can't. Not  
but what 'e's a nice little 'orse,  
like."

Firm friends, these two—the young  
girl, slim Jodhpored, the grained and  
bowed old groom. Many a compar-  
atively innocent escapade had they  
concocted from the knowledge of the  
"Marster".

UPON THE barren ugliness of the  
Bowington Canal and the stark and  
hideous melancholy of Morrison Hill  
the mist is lifting.

Beyond and away there seems  
to lie the long lost  
glories of the old  
hill clothed in  
leafy verdure sur-  
rounding the lov-  
ely houses built be-  
fore the reign of  
the despot King  
Cement.

Again the vapour shifted, and there, mounted for the trial,  
again a vision. A pig-tailed little  
lady turns her gleaming, eager chest-  
nut from the cobbled stable-yard and  
through the massive old timber gates  
into the fresh spring beaulies of the  
glorious Middlesex lanes, almost de-  
void of traffic.

Old Lovell, creakingly mounting,  
follows on his fine, though ancient,  
black. Smartly they trot along the  
lanes, the chestnut, snuffing appre-  
ciatively the keen morning air,  
snatches, at his bit, "ave a care,  
Missie, 'e's a mite fresh, like." They  
turn into the lime-lined, sun-checked  
ride, and canter out of ken.

THE VALLEY is indeed in shadow;  
the sun, flouting the mist, cuts the  
spacious, horseshoe shape in twain.  
Seven a.m. the peak hour of the day.

Ponies—black, brown, bay, "off-  
white" grey, and the persistent ugly  
dun of the wild ancestor of Saddled  
and rugged mostly, they clatter down  
from their green-tiled quarters on  
the hill.

Doelle in appearance most of the  
Mongolians—even dejected—but this  
is largely a deception.

Here a wild-eyed bay tries con-  
clusions with his eye, and is dis-  
comfited.

A grey and a brown in single file  
plod along.

The leader takes what seems to be  
intelligent interest in the watching  
bystander; arrived alongside, in a  
flash he turns his quarters and lashes  
out.

Luckily the intended victim, know-  
ing the propensities of the corn-fed  
Mongolian, has not been too trustful;  
he quickly sidesteps; which activity,  
together with a couple of jobs at the  
miscreant's mouth by his groom,  
his evil intent.

Two little beasts, chunky of head,  
bull-necked but narrow-chested,  
cow-hocked and hairy-heeled; one  
undersized and herring-gutted little  
grey, of such pathetic proportions  
that it seems a daring feat on the  
part of the broad-shouldered, large-  
hipped young wix-footer to mount,  
much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest  
extends well beyond that of the pony,  
the whole effect strongly reminiscent  
of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no  
semblance of "oneness" between  
horse and rider. But the purpose of  
the morning is a more prosaic one  
than to please the critical eye of the  
beholder.

After the customary squealing,  
backing and twisting, the six are off  
and away, pelting round the cinder  
track. A test of lungs, equine or  
human. And, malformed as he  
usually is, the Mongolian can, if he  
feels inclined, move.

NOW COME the Australians,  
mostly weedy and tucked-up animals,  
but one or two splendid creatures.

The full, intelligent eye, the fine  
coat, the springing pattern, the clean  
fetlock, the lean head, the sparse-  
haired tail—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping  
shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she  
stands, splendidly built.

She turns a kind and doleful eye  
upon her pink-faced, smiling owner;  
he slaps her shining neck; she noses  
round his well-knit form. Pals  
evidently. He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, backing or  
fretful wincing. Both in eager and  
willing anticipation of whatever the  
day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily  
breathing, with out-stretched neck  
enjoy relief of freedom from the  
pressing bit. Riders dismount, and  
these too are perhaps a trifle blown,  
but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective  
rubs-down, baths, corn, eggs-and-  
bacon, oatmeal-water and coffee,  
and make my way to my own.

ALL MAGIC has now disappeared  
from the hill. Glaring light on  
barren rock; arising dust. Wanchi  
reels—and breakfast waits.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Spain

## Madrid To Offer Resistance

As a result of the interruption of peace negotiations the Defence Council in Madrid, according to a radio message, is in permanent session and has decided on tenacious resistance.—United Press.

### Madrid Hopeful

Madrid, Mar. 27. The populace fervently hope that peace will come to-day, but a breakdown in the negotiations has left the situation confused and uncertain. The terms appear to be still the thorny point. However, the fact that Extremadura has chosen to start a new offensive rather than Madrid is considered as an indication that the latter may be spared the horrors of further fighting.

### France Confident

Lisbon, Mar. 27. The Nationalists' radio on the Madrid front at 2.30 a.m. proclaimed to the inhabitants of Madrid that the hour of liberation was very near. Within a few hours the bi-coloured flag will fly at the highest point of the capital, Franco's army over-coming all resistance, to enter the city and bring peace and justice.—United Press.

### War Begins Again

Madrid, Mar. 27. Negotiations for surrender of Madrid have broken down and General Franco's troops are reported to have advanced 25 miles on the southern front, occupying an area of 200 square miles. It is declared that they met little resistance and that 10,000 Republicans either deserted or surrendered.

A Madrid broadcast blames General Franco for the change of attitude, and Burgos admits that Madrid has not agreed to the demands that the Republican air force be handed over by Saturday as a gesture of the surrender of Madrid.—Reuter Bulletin.

### Madrid Prepares

Madrid, Mar. 27. Firing was heard early this morning in the outer suburbs of Madrid. Deserter to the Nationalist lines at 3 a.m. reported that groups of inhabitants raised white flags at high places, while fighting was going on between civilians and that portion of the garrison which wants to continue to resist the Nationalists. Meanwhile the Madrid radio announces that as a result of the abrupt interruption in peace negotiations the defence Junta continue in session and are carefully studying the map to prepare means of defence in order to oppose the tenacious defence of the enemy. All Republican forces are asked to remain at their posts to await the Junta's orders.—United Press.

### ITALIAN LOSSES

Rome, Mar. 27. Italian voluntary formations fighting in Spain on the side of the Nationalist forces lost 88 military planes since beginning of their participation in the Spanish civil war up to March 2, according to an official announcement made here to-day. The total Italian airplane losses include 57 pursuit planes, 11 bombers and two scouting planes.—Trans-Ocean.

### Palestine

## Arab Woman Arrested And Sentenced

Jerusalem, Mar. 27. The Chairman of the Arab women's organisation in Haifa, Madame Nassar, has, according to Arab press reports, been arrested and interned in a Bethlehem concentration camp following sentence of three months' confinement passed on her under martial law without trial.

This measure has aroused much indignation in Arab circles here, which point out that the arrested woman's husband is editor of the Arab paper Al Karim in Haifa, and that the mandatory authorities have undoubtedly intended to deal a blow at that publication.

Arab women's organisation in Jerusalem and Haifa have sent telegrams of protest to King Ibn Saud, as well as to the central committee of the Arab Women's World League in Cairo, requesting their intervention on behalf of Madame Nassar.—Trans-Ocean.

## Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

wiggle mezzanine  
grogginess heretofore  
saturnian horridous  
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 5.

### II Duce's Speech

## REACTION IN LONDON IS MILD

### America Impressed

London, Mar. 27. The British papers show doubt as to the correct interpretation of Mussolini's claims. The papers point out that for the first time Mussolini mentioned officially Tunis, Djibouti and the Suez Canal, without, however, defining whether he has in mind territorial readjustments or plans for a "moderate revision."

The Daily Mail voices the opinion that the Franco-Italian disputes were no matter for war but for discussion. The Daily Express calls the Duce's speech "a mild thunder" and believes that Mussolini has renounced territorial claims.

The Times states that clever diplomats should be able to make the Duce's speech a turning point in European politics.—Trans-Ocean.

### Restless No Worse

London, Mar. 27. Morning papers commenting on Signor Mussolini's speech generally agree it is more moderate than had been expected.

"For all its bombast, the Duce's speech made no such demands upon France as must have required a purely negative answer," says The Times.

The Daily Telegraph says, "altogether, the impression left by the speech is that Signor Mussolini would now prefer a quiet settlement to an open breach, which he at one time appeared to be courting."

The Daily Herald says the speech makes the situation no worse than before, and may be said to have slightly reduced the international tension.—United Press.

An informed traveler from Madrid said the situation there is acute, with anarchists and communists representing a threat to General Casado's hopes to hand over control to the Nationalists as an orderly as possible stop casado instrumental coup which succeeded mostly due promises seek peace.—United Press.

### Announcement To-morrow

Paris, Mar. 27. Premier Daladier yesterday afternoon discussed with the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, Signor Mussolini's speech. It is expected that M. Daladier will on Wednesday make a statement explaining the French Government's standpoint concerning the Italian claims.—Trans-Ocean.

### Did Not Add Fuel

Paris, Mar. 27. Signor Mussolini's speech is the chief topic of newspaper comment. Le Journal says it can be said that Signor Mussolini did not throw petrol on the fire. "We do not recognize a code consisting of creating needs in order to be able to demand rights," declares Erenoufelle.

L'Epoque writes that prestige forces Signor Mussolini not to admit that German dynamism and use of lies have frustrated his calculations. To hide the truth from the people he forced to try to dazzle them by future successes.—Reuter.

## ALLEGED SECRET CONFERENCE ON ITALIAN CLAIMS

London, Mar. 27. The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail states details of an alleged secret conference between Italy and France on three points:

Equality of power of France and Italy in the Mediterranean; A substitution of the Mussolini-Laval agreement of 1935 by a new treaty on Tunis, Djibouti and the Suez Canal; Italy to recognise officially that France has fulfilled all her obligations undertaken in the London secret treaty of 1915.

The correspondent asserts that Italy in her note of December 17, 1938, asked France for a free zone in Djibouti harbour, complete control over the railway from Addis Ababa to Djibouti, a change of the status of the Italians living in Tunis, and a seat in the administrative board of the Suez Canal Company.—Trans-Ocean.

### SOVIET REACTION

Moscow, Mar. 27. Pravda asserts that Signor Mussolini's speech is an eloquent answer to those helpers of aggressors in London and Paris who, having shed a few crocodile tears over the fate of Czechoslovakia, have already retreated and started to assure that there is no need to hasten any collective action against aggressors.

Apparently the hope has again been born in the hearts of these followers of the Munich policy that Fascist aggression will turn eastward, avoiding London and Paris. Signor Mussolini's speech shows the nearsightedness of this policy, and the imprudence of such expectations.—United Press.

### AMERICA IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27. The conciliatory tone of Mussolini's speech has favourably impressed officialdom and financial circles inasmuch, apparently, that it opens the door for Franco-Italian diplomatic conversations towards a possible solution of Italy's claims, which can be rendered easier by the tactful manner of their presentation.

Senator Claude Pepper, who is often spokesman for the Administration on foreign affairs, said that the speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—United Press.

### No Over Confidence

New York, Mar. 27. The Herald Tribune issues a warning against accepting II Duce's address as "moderate," pointing out

## Westminster Film

London, Mar. 27. For the first time in the history of Westminster Abbey a film was shown there last evening depicting scenes in the Holy Land. The congregation of 1,000 included representatives of the Russian, Greek and Syrian Churches while the Bishop of Jerusalem acted as commentator. The Dean of St. Paul's led the prayer for peace in Palestine and for the Jewish race. The congregation at the close sang the hymn: "Pray that Jerusalem May Have Peace."—Reuter.

### Poland

## NERVOUS OF THE REICH

### Anticipating More Demands

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Military preparations continue, but are surrounded by the greatest secrecy.—Reuter.

### "Down with Reich"

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Serious demonstrations against the Reich and the Fuehrer took place yesterday after a meeting of Polish Nationalists in Bromberg. The crowd shouted in chorus "down with Hitler," "down the Germans," "the Polish army must occupy Danzig," "we want Koenigsberg."

The police had to take special measures to protect the Germans and German property.—Trans-Ocean.

### Nervous of Reich

Warsaw, Mar. 27. Reports that Germany has made demands on Poland lack all confirmation, but it is thought that the military precautions have been inspired by the belief that pressure from the Reich for revision of the status of Danzig may be expected. Poland is stated to be determined not to be taken by surprise.

It is also stated that Poland is definitely opposed to any concessions in the Polish corridor through which it has been suggested the Reich might propose building a German highway.—Reuter.

### Belief in Army

Warsaw, Mar. 27. "We believe in Poland's military power and have no illusions about the hazy hopes of external support," says the newspaper Kurjer Poranny to-day.

Several meetings of patriotic associations were held throughout the country yesterday. Typical phrases in the resolutions passed were: "We are ready for every sacrifice for Poland" and "We will fight for Poland to the last drop of our blood."—Reuter.

### China

## New Nanking Anti-British Campaign

Shanghai, Mar. 27. A foreigner from Nanking reveals that the Reformed Government, apparently inspired by the Japanese military, has launched a violent anti-British campaign aimed chiefly at British.

It is stated that during the recent Army Day New Order Week, shopkeepers were forced to display anti-British posters which were also pasted on rickshaws and other vehicles. For 10 days the newspapers featured anti-British editorials and front page articles. The official Hsin Pao carried bold face slogans reading "Destroy the British flag, boycott British goods, confiscate British property in China, recover all British concessions, drive out every Britisher from our borders and swear not to co-operate with Britishers." The press urged the Chinese to quit the employ of British interests.—United Press.

### FLOOD HAVOC

## Family Wiped Out In British Columbia

Dawson Creek, Brit. Columbia, Mar. 27. Eight members of one family were drowned when an ice jam at the junction of the Pine and Murray Rivers in north-eastern British Columbia flooded a wide area of ranchlands.—United Press.

that Herr Hitler's "moderate" address on January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia. Signor Mussolini's pronouncement leaves the whole question open, and omits in its conventional example of established technique. "None of the positive statements in the speech deserve the term conciliatory," says The Times. "The address leaves Europe as before, lacking in real security but apparently saved momentarily from a new crisis."—United Press.

### Russia

## FISHERY DISPUTE ENDING

### New Discussion With Japanese

Moscow, Mar. 27. Following a two hours conversation between the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Litvinoff, and the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Togo, on the vexing Far Eastern fisheries controversy, Japanese sources indicated that a solution is near on the basis of a compromise. Another talk is scheduled for Tuesday. The Japanese hope that the controversy will be settled in time for them to participate in the auctions of the fishery lots, scheduled for April 3, under an informal arrangement whereby the Japanese will bid without competition for some 200 lots. The basic rents, however, would be raised.

If arrangements are not completed, they hope that the auctions will be postponed further and it is expected that there will be two or three more conversations between M. Litvinoff and Mr. Togo to clear up the matter for another year.

The main point in the controversy to-day was the disposition of other lots for the 37 lots formerly fished by the Japanese which were closed by the Soviet Union for strategic reasons. The Soviet Union has offered seven lots in exchange of approximately equal value, leaving 30 lots the subject of dispute.

Following to-day's conversation, both M. Litvinoff and Mr. Togo would refer matters to their respective Governments for approval to proceed.—United Press.

### Settlement This Week

Moscow, Mar. 27. Prospects of settling the Soviet-Japanese fisheries controversy have improved considerably, according to the Japanese authorities. It is understood that the Japanese are now willing to accept a temporary annual agreement and renounce fishery rights in respect of 37 lots which the Soviet insists on retaining for strategic reasons.

The Japanese, it is also understood, are willing to participate in the auctions at Vladivostok provided the Soviet guarantees Japanese organizations to obtain over 200 lots without competition from Soviet organizations.

The Japanese representatives indicate that a settlement will probably be reached in a few days to enable the Japanese vessels to sail for Soviet waters before April 10 when the fishing season begins.—Reuter.

## REFUGEE RELIEF

### \$45,000,000 Spent By Chinese

Chungking, Mar. 27. Since the outbreak of the war, more than \$45,000,000 has been spent on civilian relief by Government and private sources. In Chinese currency amount, about \$30,000,000 came from the provincial and local authorities, public bodies, business firms and individuals while the remaining \$15,000,000 were allocated by the National Government through the National Relief Commission.

By the end of 1938, the National Relief Commission reported that 15,000,000 war refugees had been assisted by either Government, public or private organizations and that 150,000,000 people or one-third of the population in China had been forced by the war to leave their homes. Of the 15,000,000 unfortunate aided by different relief organizations, the National Relief Commission alone cared for 548,802 in Kiangsu of whom 216,500 were in Shanghai, and 200,000 in Nanking. In Honan the Yellow flood has rendered over 300,000 people homeless. The victims constituted the second largest unit succoured by the Commission.

The Chinese Government has allocated \$5,000,000 for the development of industrial co-operatives to aid war refugees.

One important phase of China's relief work deals with the caring for her thousands of war orphans. Started by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, this vital piece of humanitarian work is to-day being promoted in a nationwide campaign by three organizations, the Refugee Children Relief Association sponsored by the First Lady, the Wartime Children Relief Association headed by Mr. Ma Chao-chun, formerly Mayor of Nanking, and the Nanking Child Welfare Association with Dr. H. H. Kung as its director-general.

Formerly N. C. \$5 or less than \$51 were spent on each war orphan every month. To-day this \$5-allowance has been raised to \$10 monthly in many homes where refugee children are kept, educated and even made productive.—Central News.

### REFUGEES KILLED

Two people were burned to death and eleven people injured, some of them seriously, as the result of a disastrous fire at a refugee camp situated on Connaught and Tonquin roads in Shanghai last week. As in former outbreaks the blaze spread with amazing rapidity, due to the flimsy construction of the various buildings involved, and firemen were faced with a difficult task before the flames were finally subdued.

## Elections In Turkey

Ankara, Mar. 27. Many former influential deputies lost their seats in the general election for the National Assembly, but all members belong to the People's Party, the only political party existing in Turkey. Fourteen women were among the 424 deputies elected.—Reuter Special.

## Enough Bovril For Any Emergency

### Chairman's Revelation At Annual Meeting

Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd. held in London recently, the Lord Luke, K.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got stocks to get what was available in the shops.

### BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES

In September last year, Bovril Ltd. and its associates had in England about two years' normal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was obviously more difficult to cope with last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would see to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually to-day the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

The Company would endeavour to see to it that the supplies of Bovril for ordinary everyday use as a beverage, for cooking, and for use in illness or convalescence, were sufficient, and they would actually be helped in this if people who could afford to lay in supplies laid them in and maintained them as a matter of course, without waiting for an emergency to arise.

### INCREASED BOVRIL EXPORTS

In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year. The Duke of Atholl (Vice-Chairman), said: The world was in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, it was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world.

### France

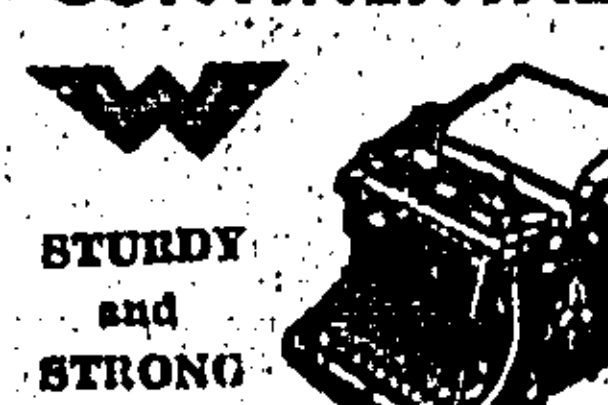
## New Threat To Freedom Of The Press

Paris, Mar. 27. The decree planned by the Government to restrict the freedom of the press is sharply criticised by Le Jour.

According to the paper originally it had been the intention to forbid attacks on heads of States and to prevent secrecy measures for this National defence. The new draft, however, defines offence as follows, any press campaign directed against any form of organisation, any press campaign in relation to racial, confessional, and in particular Jewish questions, and any press campaign which bears the stamp of foreign inspiration.

Le Jour declares that the decree in this form would mean the end of any comment of conviction.—Trans-Ocean.

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# RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES

## COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Hold up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.



I. M. A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the Rumjahn cousins yesterday in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets.—Staff Photographer.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair shining in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleying duels, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight; but a great weakness of theirs was to win a splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahns were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

In each set, the winners led by 5-2.

### OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were outclassed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over to his erstwhile doubles partner.

A. Crawford's game was too sound all round for Peter U, whose inexperience left loop-holes for the Kowloon C.C. player to break through. Crawford won the first set to love before the Chinese could settle down. There was a more even battle in the second set, but Crawford also won this after ten games.

J. M. Tomlinson advanced into the second round of the competition by beating Lam Kwan in straight sets.

### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

The stand court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the

### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

#### Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.

J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

Ho Ka-lau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

#### Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.

Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title, and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme: Open Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (stand court); Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Li. D. C. Misra and Li. S. M. Alzah.

Handicap Singles.—H. J. Armstrong v. R. M. M. King; H. D. Bidwell v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Doubles.—F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walker v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Beavan v. T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese won the Lam Wai Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilians by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have not only a great opportunity of winning the League but the Shield as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League a fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese in the final. I am sure the Portuguese players will not feel that they were not due to leave until they were expected to win. The Kowloon Cup too may go to the Chinese, who on present form seem an immeasurably better team than either the Navy or the Army.

### Ahead Of Schedule

NOT due to arrive here until Friday, the Straits Chinese football tourists, who have been paying a visit to Manila, took most people by surprise yesterday, arriving in Hongkong by the Boeing Clipper. The reason for their sudden departure from Manila was that the China Clipper, by which they had booked to travel from Manila to Hongkong, had been delayed, and instead of leaving Manila on March 31, she was not due to leave until April 2. The arrangements made with the South China A.A. were that the Straits team would play matches in Hongkong on April 1, 2 and 5, and thus if the visitors waited for the China Clipper, they would have to miss two matches here. Rather than do that—they have to be back in Singapore on April 13 at the latest, and so cannot remain in Hongkong later than April 6 or 7—they decided to cancel two matches in Manila. The decision to catch the Boeing Clipper, which left Manila yesterday morning, was a last-minute one. The Straits team played a match on Sunday night and arrangements for their departure were completed after the game. Mr. John Then, player-manager-coach of the visiting side, told me yesterday that his boys were very keen to play in Hongkong, and did not like to miss coming here. They play good soccer, these Straits lads, and should be popular with local enthusiasts. Their record of four wins and one defeat against the best teams of Manila is perhaps sufficient testimony of their quality.

### F.A. Cup Final

SO Wolves and Portsmouth are to meet at Wembley for the F. A. Cup final. The Wolves won handsomely against Grimsby on Saturday by five goals to nil, but Portsmouth only just got through by the odd goal in three in their tie with Huddersfield. The meeting of the two teams at Wembley had been expected immediately after the semi-final draw had been announced; and so it has turned out. The final may be described as the "grand final" as Portsmouth have recently followed the example of Wolverhampton and gone in for a treatment for their players. The Portsmouth lads must be convinced now that there is something in a treatment which once aroused the ridicule of the

country. Weeks ago when they were under the relegation shadow—they still are, as a matter of fact—Portsmouth players said "Hang the League! We'll get away from the bottom of the table all right, and you'll see us at Wembley." The latter part has been fulfilled, and the team is now fourth from the bottom—not yet out of danger, but the confidence is there.

### Wolves' Task

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers, the team of the year, have a great chance to equal a 42-year-old record. Not since 1896-97 has a club won the league championship and the F.A. Cup in the same season. There is no reason why Wolverhampton who last won the Cup 31 years ago, should not emulate Aston Villa's feat this season. They have been the only team to run true to form in the F.A. Cup up to date, and have a great chance of beating Portsmouth in the final. In the League, the Wolves at the moment are three points behind Everton, who will doubtless strain every nerve to hold their present advantage now that they have lost all interest in the Cup. Arsenal and Huddersfield, in their great years, found the double too elusive for them, but the Wolves are in the happy position of being able to call upon an apparently never-ending stream of youngsters to fill first-team vacancies. Young Muller is a notable example. Unknown to the football world a few weeks ago, he was, at the age of 16, pitched into an important League match. Now he has played several times, including the cup-tie against Everton. He made history by being the youngest player ever to have taken part in an F. A. cup-tie.

### Bowls In Shanghai

LAWN Bowls League competition in Shanghai during the coming season is almost certain to revert to the time-honoured basis of two divisions with teams comprising three rinks each. Owing to the unusual circumstances that prevailed last year, it was found necessary to conduct only one division while teams consisted of four rinks each. The feeling is now prevalent in most clubs, however, and especially among those whose playing material is limited, that three rinks would be a more practical form of competition. Clubs, whose numerical superiority permits them to employ additional rinks, will be entitled to enter more than one team in each division. No decision has yet been made, but judging from the sentiments echoed at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai L.B.A., held last week, the old basis of two divisions with teams of three rinks each will be adopted.

### Sports Magazine

THE second issue of *Sportman*, the new weekly sporting magazine, made its appearance over the week-end. Well-printed on good paper, the new number contains articles on tennis, football, cricket, golf and boxing and other material of interest to all sportsmen. The magazine is sold for ten cents a copy.

### Drawn Match In Rugby League

London, Mar. 27. In the Rugby League, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone played a drawn game to-day, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

### Local Cycling

## H. A. G. KEATES SUCCEEDS IN RECORD ATTEMPT

Two record attempts were made by members of the Hongkong Cycling Club during the week-end. On March 25, R. H. McDowell unsuccessfully attempted to establish new figures from 55 to 100 miles, whilst on March 26, H. A. G. Keates lowered G. Cottrill's 3½ months' old 54 miles Tourist record on the Kowloon Circuit by 15 mins. 6 secs. Both riders contended with unfavourable weather in the shape of cold and strong wind, McDowell also suffering heavy rain.

McDowell made a good start and returned 14 mins. 28 secs. at 5 miles, then slowed to clock 29.49 at the 10 miles check. He decided to retire, however, on reaching the 15 miles point in 44 mins. 27 secs., and intends making a further attempt in the near future.

Keates was started from the Alhambra Theatre at 8.42 a.m. for his successful ride. A slow start was made over the hilly section to Taiipo, only 15½ miles being covered in the first hour. In two hours, 33½ miles had been covered, a strong following wind over the Fanling-Taiipo section being responsible for the increase to 18½ miles in the second hour. The third hour produced 15½ miles, the remaining 4½ miles taking up 18 mins. 30 secs. A gear of 74" was used, and no mechanical trouble experienced.

Times taken at the 5-miles' points were as follows, the section time being given in brackets.—5 miles—20.18; 10 miles—39.44. (19.26); 15 miles—57.22. (17.38); 20 miles—1.14.00. (16.38); 25 miles—1.30.41. (16.41); 30 miles—1.47.30. (16.55); 35 miles—2.04.39. (17.03); 40 miles—2.22.18. (17.37); 45 miles—2.40.03. (17.47); 50 miles—3.01.13. (21.10); 54 miles—3.18.39. (17.10).

No social activities were promoted by the Club during the past week. This week's programme includes, however, a 2-hours' training spin on Wednesday, March 29, from the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wan-chai, at 6 p.m. sharp, and on Sunday next a social run which will leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. for Shataukok, via Fanling.

Thirteen riders have been invited and handicapped for the 50 miles event over the Kowloon Circuit on April 16. Full details will be announced later.

## Badminton To Have Its Davis Cup

By Ulysses Rogers

London, Mar. 2. The Davis Cup in lawn tennis is to have its badminton counterpart. It will be fought for by the seventeen nations incorporated in the Badminton Federation.

Famous badminton, tennis and chess player Sir George Thomas, a vice-president of the English Badminton Association, told me that the offer of a cup had been made.

He did not say who was the donor. It is Sir George himself. The trophy will probably be called the Thomas Cup.

There are 1,325 clubs in the association, sixty-five more than last year. These are affiliated. Their members muster 40,000. In some countries only 10 per cent. of the clubs are affiliated.

International tours, as in tennis, will soon be the order of the day. A team of four men and two women are to make a six months' tour to Australia, stopping at Malaya, and Canada on the return trip.

## Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Maillard Stead)

London.

When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous such parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

About six months ago the governing body of track and field athletics in England was promised by the Grants Committee of the National Fitness Council an allotment of money sufficient to pay for three years 75 per cent. of the salaries for three national coaches. And presumably the coach selected to go to the United States, if any, would be one of these gentlemen. They have yet to be appointed.

Although the coach in British athletics is nothing like the dominating, authoritative figure that he is in America, there are some very highly-thought-of trainers here at the present time. Such as "Bill" Thomas, coach at Oxford University and trainer of Jack Lovelock, celebrated New Zealand mile and half miler; Alec Nelson, coach at Cambridge University and the man responsible in no small measure for the successes of those great Light Blue Olympic victors, Lord Burghley, Douglas Lowe, Robert Tisdall; Albert G. Hill, who advises the famous Sydney Wooderson; Hill is now acting as coach to the London Athletic Club, Polytechnic Harriers and Blackheath Harriers; and Franz Stamp, an Austrian who came to Britain in the summer of 1937 to study the technique of Britain's middle distance runners and remained to become an instructor in great demand.

### NO. 1 COACH

Stamp, you can describe as Field Events Coach No. 1 in Britain. He is teaching the jumpers and throwers at both Oxford and Cambridge, where preparations are intensifying for the annual inter-varsity sports at the White City Stadium, March 18; he is conducting classes at the City of London School under the aegis of the Southern Committee of the Amateur Athletic Association; and he has two engagements a week with the South London Harriers, one at their indoor school at Green-wich and the other at their cross-country headquarters at Cusdons, Surrey. He has also been a coach at Loughborough College, Leicestershire, during the A. A. A. summer School there.

Loughborough College, of which my friend, Capt. F. A. M. Webster, is the Athletics "head," is in itself an establishment that produces coaches, games masters, physical training leaders, and welfare supervisors.

The 1939 British track and field season will get going in May and, owing to the visit of 10 star athletes to the U.S.A., the Amateur Athletic Association's annual championships have been brought forward a week—to July 6 and 7. Of recent years

## To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Tallooh in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hul and Miss Ulian Khoo, the holders, and K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreo, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

## NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

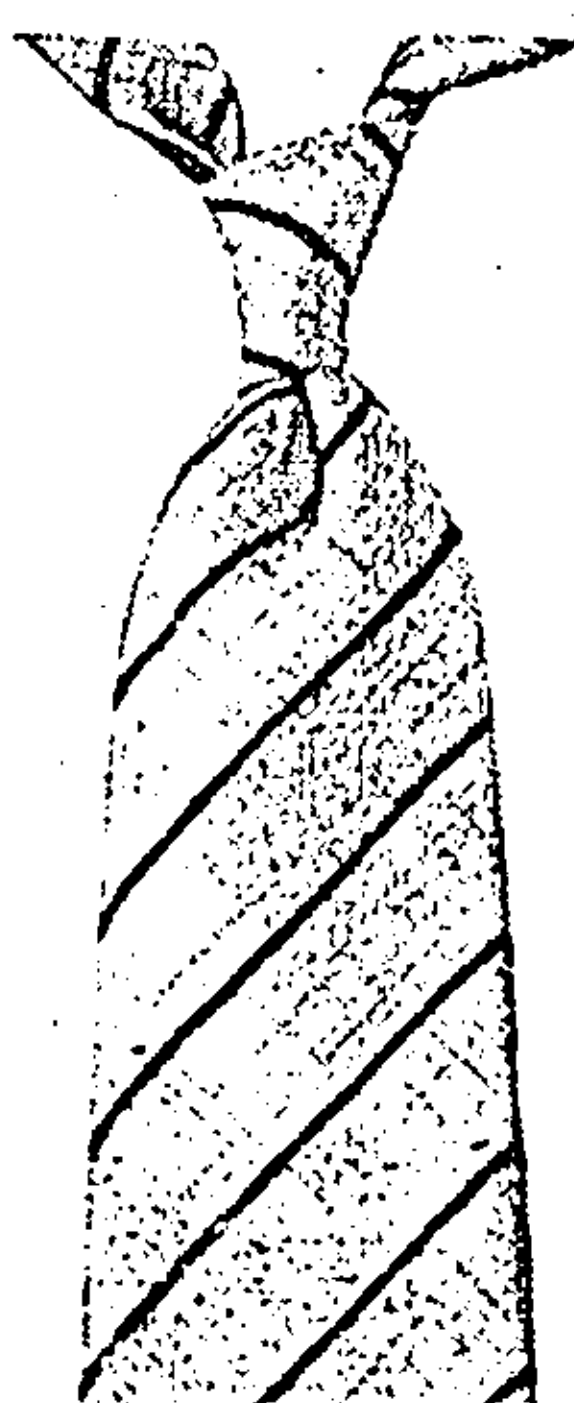
Dublin, Mar. 27.

A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived to-day in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

athletics have become very much more popular as a spectacle than formerly. And nowadays a big meeting always means a big crowd.



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# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

### Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's spoon, and pool ball shoots.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley rules, giving those members not familiar with Bisley conditions a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The trophyship Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieuts Olway and Russell of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool ball and the latter, who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 88 with S.R. (a) Rifle. The trophyship is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Bright, S.R. (a), with two scores of 33 failed at 600 yards, scoring only 17 thus spoiling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Leading scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follows:

| S.R. (b)                     | 200 | 500 | 600 | Totals |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Lt. A. J. Le Seclieur (Ser.) | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. P. Hale (Ser.)          | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. H. B. Morrison (Ser.)   | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. V. Cooper (Ser.)        | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. K. C. Wong (Ser.)       | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |

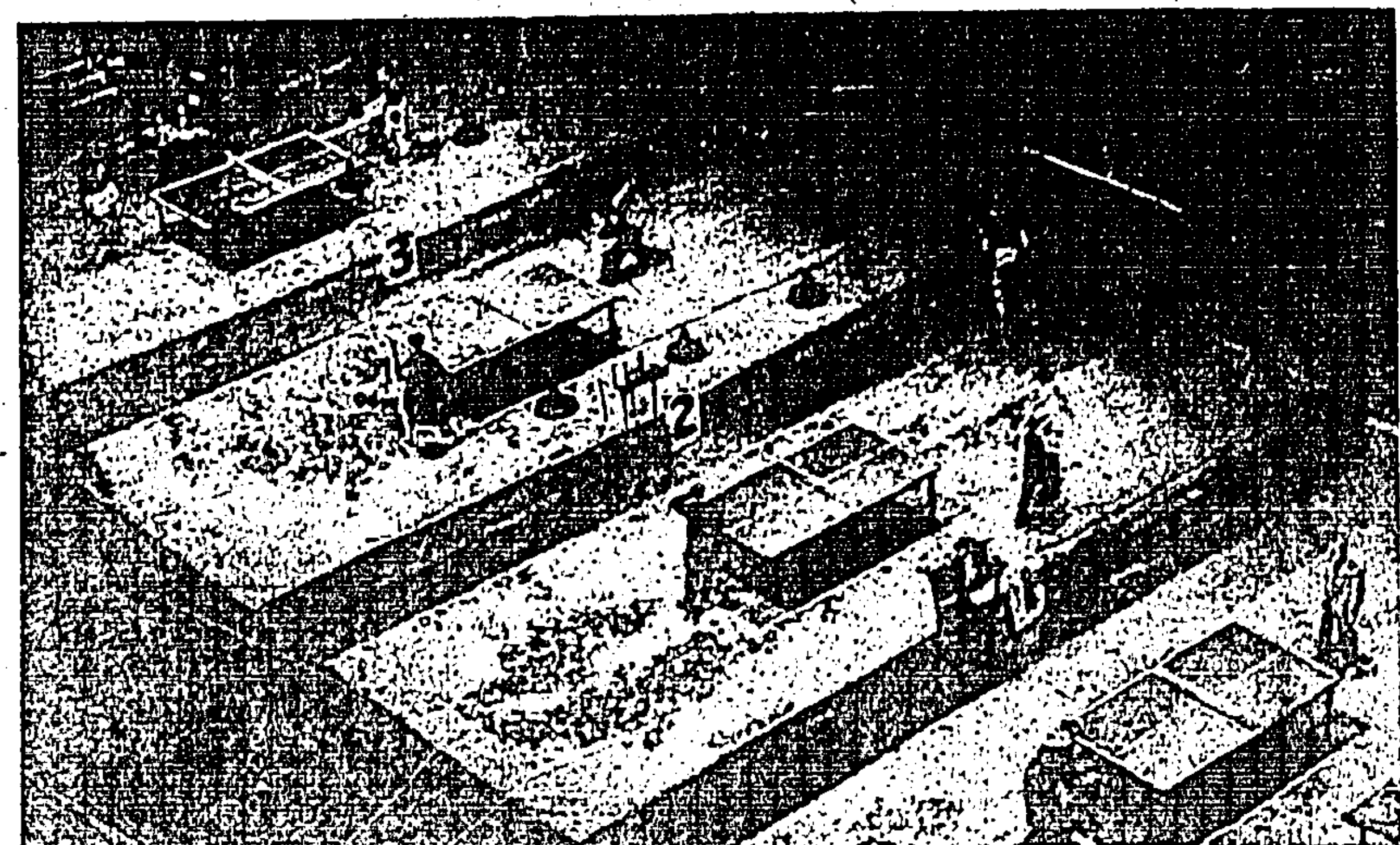
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| Sgt. N. Dumville (2)        | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| P.S. A. C. Chan (4)         | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. F. E. Russell (1)      | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Mme. F. G. Mother (Ser.)    | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Mme. S. Croft (Nil)         | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Spr. W. Thompson (1)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Dockyard G. Gray (2)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| D/M. W. E. Kifford (3)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| C.P.O. F. J. Davey (3)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. P. Bandler (3)         | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Pie. H. Dry (Nil)           | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| S.M. F. G. Maalen (3)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Inspector A. L. Hopkins (2) | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Mr. H. J. S. Blake (2)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Mr. E. S. Winch (4)         | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Cpl. F. C. Gundy (2)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. J. C. Swan (Ser.)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Lt. C. Russell (Nil)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| L/Cpl. G. Gathier (3)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| L/Cpl. R. Langford (Ser.)   | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Cpl. H. W. Morris (4)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. R. J. Heap (Nil)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Lt. H. N. L. Pan (3)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Cpl. F. G. Gundy (2)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Cpl. Maghar Singh (7)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Lt. W. Nunn (3)             | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Spr. C. Colbrook (Nil)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Pie. J. Morgan (14)         | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Mr. W. K. Gillman (2)       | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| L/Cpl. S. Bright (7)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| L/Cpl. S. Pemberton (12)    | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Pie. R. Smith (13)          | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| A.C.I. G. W. Sear (12)      | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. W. Sear (3)            | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Pie. A. L. Harman (Nil)     | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. W. Sear (3)            | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Sgt. W. Sear (3)            | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| A.C.I. C. W. Denham (14)    | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |
| Basin. D. Dolan (13)        | 28 | 31 | 32 | 91 |

The following are the results of the Team Shoot:

| R.N. Rge. Staff | 200    | 500    | 600    | Totals |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mid. "A"        | 102.55 | 103.00 | 100.14 | 305.69 |
| R. E.           | 105.84 | 102.71 | 104.00 | 312.55 |
| Police (H) C.C. | 103.30 | 102.64 | 103.68 | 309.62 |
| H.K. Police     | 100.25 | 100.07 | 100.00 | 300.32 |
| Dockyard R. C.  | 103.29 | 103.42 | 100.40 | 307.11 |
| Mid. "B"        | 100.07 | 102.04 | 100.67 | 302.78 |

The following were the leading scores of the Spoon Shoot held at Stonecutters last week-end:

| S.R. (b)                     | 200 | 500 | 600 | Totals |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Lt. A. J. Le Seclieur (Ser.) | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. P. Hale (Ser.)          | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. H. B. Morrison (Ser.)   | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. V. Cooper (Ser.)        | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |
| Sgt. K. C. Wong (Ser.)       | 31  | 33  | 32  | 96     |



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A general view of the scene at the Royal Albert Hall during the start of the English Table Tennis Championships recently. Many continental players took part in the tournament.

## PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR EASTER RACES

The following is the programme arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club for the two-day Second Extra Race Meeting which will be held on Easter Saturday and Monday, April 8 and 10, commencing each day at 12.30 a.m.:

**First Day**

1.—**Taiwan Bay Handicap**.—First section. For China ponies, "D" Class. Subscription Grifins of this Club of this season, barred. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Races Nos. 3 and 9). Entries will be divided into first and second sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

2.—**Mrs. Bay Stakes**.—For China ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this season, barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Mrs. Bay Stakes (Races Nos. 5 and 10). Entries will be divided into first and second sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3.—**Albury Handicap**.—For Australian Subscription ponies, "A" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile.

4.—**Sub. Griffin Spring Handicap**.—For China ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this season, barred. Jockey allowance. One and a quarter miles.

5.—**Hongham Bay Handicap**.—For China ponies, "B" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Hongham Bay Handicap (Races Nos. 3 and 10). Entries will be divided into first and second sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

6.—**Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes**.—For China ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this season, barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Races Nos. 3 and 10). Entries will be divided into first and second sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

7.—**Deep Bay Stakes**.—For China ponies, Subscription Grifins of this Club of this season, barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Deep Bay Stakes (Races Nos. 3 and 10). Entries will be divided into first and second sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

8.—**Roschill Stakes**.—For Australian Subscription ponies of this season. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Weight: 10 lb. under weight for inches. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

9.—**Taiwan Bay Handicap**.—Second section. (See Race No. 1).

10.—**Hongham Bay Handicap**.—Second section. (See Race No. 5).

Daily Double Event.—Fifth and seventh Races.

**Second Day**

1.—**Easter Stakes**.—A handicap for China ponies. One mile.

2.—**Callopie Handicap**.—For Australian Subscription ponies, "B" Class. Jockey allowance. From the 1 1/4 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

3.—**Kellett Handicap**.—First section. For China ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this meeting, barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

Note.—One entry only will be made for the Kellett Handicap (Races Nos. 3 and 9).

## England Team To Play Scotland

London, Mar. 27. The English football team to oppose Scotland at Hampton Park on April 15 will be as follows:

Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton); Hapwood (Arsenal); Capt. W. H. W. (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolverhampton); Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke); G. Hall (Tottenham); Lawton (Everton); Goulden (Manchester City) and Brook (Manchester City).—Reuter.

## BOGEY (PAR) POOL

F. D. Hunter (1), all square, won the Bogey (Par) Pool played at Fanning over the week-end. There were twenty entries.

National Dignity (163), National Triumph (151) and Perian Cat (157). The Bendigo Handicap. Six furlongs.—Chancellor (152), Fan Ton (152), High Tower (161), Mayfair (161), Sports Gesture (161) and The Spirit of St. Louis (155).

The Fulwell Handicap. "D" class, six furlongs.—Cuban Love (140), Double Chance (161), Flybynight (161), Gold Sovereign (161), Cocco Morning (164), Lancashire Chap (160), National Anthem (140), Royal Highness (158) and Tribute (148).

The Governor's Cup. One mile.—Country Flower (135), Courcour Bleu (135), Fairy Auk (160), Fairy Ousel (140), Gold Clause (135), Hohenfels (135), Hognanay (140), Meadow Eve (135), Merry Fatty (135), Merry Moke (140), Morning Tip (135), Rotheray Bay (135), Shanghai (140) and Victory Life (140).

The Consolation Stakes. Post entries, half a mile.

In connection with the "Governor's Cup," the 6th Race on the programme, a special \$1 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a Through Ticket, including a chance in the special sweep, is \$7. per set, and is obtainable from the Club's office, 2nd Floor, Gloucester Building.

## SPORT ADVTS

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1939.

By Order, C. R. BROWN, Secretary.

## MACAO MEETING

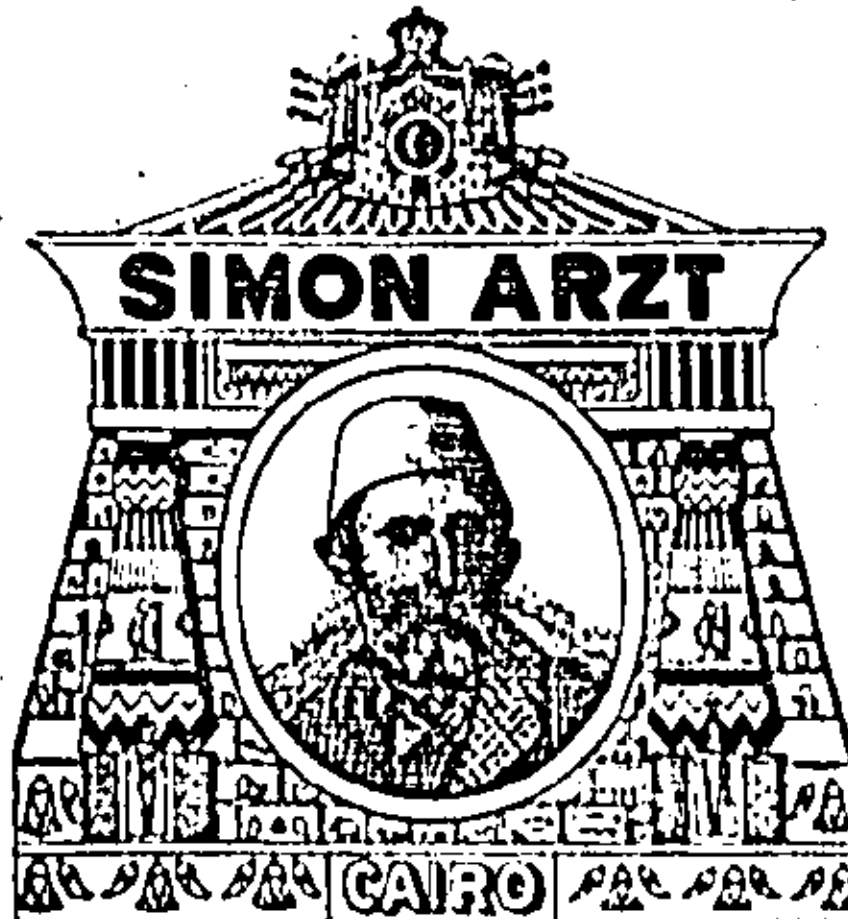
Entries and Handicaps For Events on April 2

The following are the entries and handicaps for the events of the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, which will be held on Sunday next, April 2:

The Ralston Handicap. Six furlongs.—Country Flower (135), Courcour Bleu (154), Fairy Ousel (160), Gold Clause (154), Hohenfels (135), Meadow Eve (135), Merry Fatty (140), Morning Tip (144) and Victory Life (163).

The Highfield Handicap. (First section), one mile.—Cherrybird (150), Gold Power (185), King's Parade (135), Lucky Eleven (158), Mac's Adventure (152), Mongolian Cat (155), Stopwatch (152), Stylin (destroyed) and The Buccameer (152).

The Highfield Handicap. (Second section), one mile.—Cloudy Star (148), Double Up (140), Eagle (140), Iron Knight (140), Lattat (154),



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Mr. Sit Kwok-Seen, the well-known Chinese stage favourite, is presenting "Hsi Hsih," an old Chinese classic at the Ho Shing theatre to-day and to-morrow.

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B.C. Mr. Sit has the title role of the play and gives a very fine impersonation of the maiden, whose idyl with the King of Wu changed the destiny of an empire. Lyrics and songs for the production have been written by Mr. Chi-fan Fong, and the costumes and settings have been arranged by experts.

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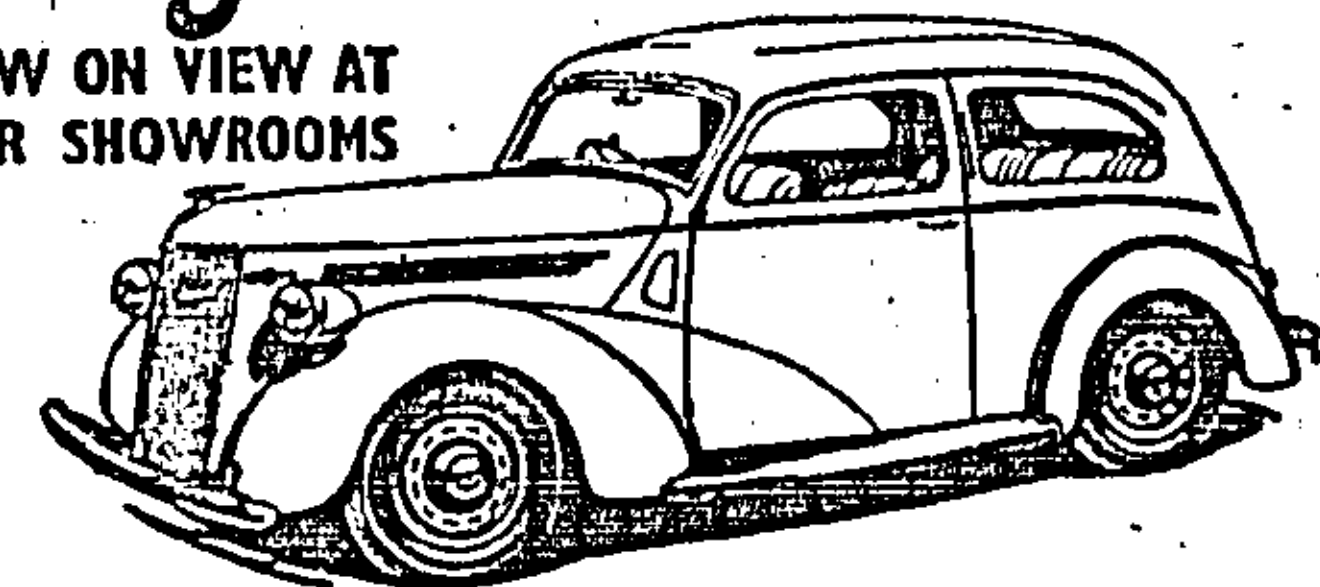
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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.  
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to design the dresses of the women in his plays. He says: "I have had, improvements, light-lining and all such abominations, and I think that women's dresses should fall in natural folds to the figure."

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only flogged once, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco News Letter:—"Chinamen and Britishers seem to be running a race for unpopularity. Just at present, with the chances of the largest measure of success being in favour of the Britishers."

The Liverpool Post tells the terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, on being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves glued fast to the seats with the new varnish that had not quite dried. Never before was the church so absolutely united, and never one so harmonious in purpose. A frantic cry resulted in success, but there was not a whole coat or dress in the congregation. Silk and broadcloth unholstered every seat, and the horrified people rushed into the streets holding their hems over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The Imperieuse has been on the other side of the island that week, practicing her guns and torpedoes. She caused great consternation amongst the villagers at Aberdeen and Stanley when she tried up her torpedo-netting they thought she was fishing, and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen, bewailing the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,000,000,000. Russia comes next with £900,000,000, then England with £800,000,000. Austria-Hungary with £621,000,000, Italy with £550,000,000, Spain with £201,000,000, and Prussia with £220,000,000.

(Compare these with the present day. France owes £2,680,000,000; Russia owes £1,425,000,000, what she will probably never pay; Britain owes £818,000,000 and is borrowing another £800,000,000. As much again as the total debt 50 years ago.) Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy owes £1,985,000,000; Spain owes £180,000,000 before the Civil War, and Germany owes £294,450,000.—Ed.)

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

#### More Party Heat in the Commons FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain characterized Colonel Seely's resignation as a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely has prepared the paragraphs, which the Government now republished, in violation of the Lord's Prayer, which Ministers remained, then the paper which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was cheered upon rising, interrupted, and repudiated Mr. Chamberlain's "insults." He said that Lord Seely had never received nor signed the two paragraphs which had been referred to. He mentioned that the battle of the Marston which was ordered to be fought on the 11th inst., would be fought on the 11th inst., and went on to declare that the great issue of the Army versus Parliament and the People had been raised, and every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical or a worker.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curragh state that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterate their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir John French has resigned.

### 10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.  
The War Office announced that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated in the course of next month. Major-General A. E. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return home and the combined Command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., M.C., D.S.O., who has just taken over the South China Command from Major-General C. C. Luard. Major-General Sandilands will remain at Hongkong with an augmented staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded as at present by Brigadier-General O. C. Barrett, who has been in command of the 14th Infantry Brigade, Shanghai, since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding, North China, since 1925.

The carelessness of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette and among a pile of inflammable decorating materials is believed to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the great new German liner Europa in the Elbe and Voss ship-yard.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring war in Wuhan accuses Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Li Chang-yen and General Pei Chung-hai of conspiracy against the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment to come is causing deep concern to friends of Marshal Li Chai-sum, who is a prisoner at Nanking.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left for Kiating to direct operations. Already 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Pingchiang, and Changsha, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Wuhan.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

### 5 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934.  
Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conversation centred round the question of what further guarantees France would require in order to modify her attitude towards the British draft Disarmament Convention, and that negotiations for tightening up British commitments may follow.

This is interpreted as Britain's final effort to secure a settlement in Europe—although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

# ALL LINED UP..



## Home Maker's

DURING the annual spring clean is a good time to put household "wrinkles" to the test, and though most homemakers have their own pet methods, here are some of my own which may help the work along more quickly.

They are arranged in alphabetical order so that you can cut them out to paste in a note-book or hang them up for quick reference.

**ALABASTER** light fittings can be cleaned with a cloth soaked in turpentine, then polished with wax floor polish or furniture cream. This produces a glossy surface.

**BRASS** ornaments. If badly tarnished, first clean with a cut lemon dipped in coarse salt. Rinse, dry and polish with metal polish. Clean off the old lacquer from shabby lacquered brass bedstead with a mixture of turpentine and powdered bath-brick, clean with metal polish, then give a new coat of lacquer.

**CARPETS** which cannot be taken up should be thoroughly cleaned with the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

Cover oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and water, leave to dry, then brush out. **DISTEMPERED** walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable in warm water. Wring cloth fairly dry, then brush upwards and pat to prevent streaks.

**EIDERDOWNS**. To dry clean. Brush thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the eiderdown on them, and sprinkle more starch on top. Roll up loosely in the paper, put away in a cool, dry place for two or three days, then brush free of starch.

**FLOORS**. To whiten plain wooden floors, add two table-spoonfuls of glycerine to the pail of scrubbing water. If you are re-staining floors, remove old stain first with a special stain remover.

Composition floors in kitchen or bathroom can be cleaned with turpentine and steel wool. Leave to dry, then wax polish. Clogged polish or stains on woodblock floors can also be removed with steel wool. Dust well before repolishing.

**GLASS**. Put a little washing blue in the rinsing water, and polish with a leather or pad of tissue paper. The blue produces a lovely sparkle. Clean frosted glass with a handful of Epsom-salt in warm water. Rub dry with a cloth or leather.

**HEARTHES**. Clean tiled hearths or surrounds with a cut lemon, then polish with wax floor polish. Loose tiles in hearth or curb can be re-fixed with the cement.

**IVORY** or composition piano keys. Whiten with a mixture of lemon juice and whiteness. Rub on carefully, leave to dry, then brush off. Slightly soiled ivory can be cleaned with methylated spirit or eau-de-cologne sprinkled on a soft cloth.

**JEWELLERY**. To restore the lustre of pearls, real or imitation, bury in powdered magnesia for a few hours.

Gold is put in a cup of warm water with a few drops of ammonia added, then polished with jeweller's rouge, dampened with ammonia.

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**KITCHEN** tables to whiten. Scrub with a mixture of 1 lb. soft soap, 1 lb. silver sand and six table-spoonfuls of lime. Rinse well with hot water when clean.

**LINEOLEUM**. Clean first with turpentine, wash with soapy water, then rub over with boiled starch. When dry, polish with wax floor polish. Worn lineoleum can be re-surfaced with a liquid preparation. There is also a transparent grade for reviving patterned lineoleum.

**MARBLE**. Black shoe polish gives a glossy finish to black marble mantelpieces and tables.

**NET** curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colour, mix a teaspoonful of powdered yellow ochre with a little cold water, strain through muslin and add to starch or last rinsing water.

**OXIDISED** brass or silver. Clean with a cloth soaked in linseed or olive oil or with vaseline. Afterwards polish with furniture cream.

**PAINT**. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in whitening, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Add two table-spoonfuls of ammonia to warm, soapy water for gloss paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream. Grained and varnished woodwork can be cleaned with a cloth soaked with linseed oil, then polished.

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**VELVET** and chenille. Wash in warm soap suds with a little ammonia added to force out the dirt. Rinse in tepid water, squeeze out surplus water, and dry quickly in the open. Press by drawing the wrong side of the material over the edge of a hot iron.

**EXTRA** materials for spring clean are ammonia, vinegar, turpentine, paraffin, carbon, tetrachloride, bran, powdered magnesia, borax, steel wool. Start with clean mops and dusters and sprinkle them with a little paraffin beforehand. They will pick up dust and help to put on the shine.

**YOU** will find it helpful to make a list of soaps and polishes required, which will save running out for forgotten items. Furniture cream, wax, floor polish, red tile polish, metal polish, silver polish, soap flakes and lin. They can also be dry cleaned with hot bran, which is rubbed well powder and a non-abrasive cleaning powder cover most cleaning jobs.

**ZINC** baths and draining boards can be made shining with a paste of whiteness and vinegar. Rub well in, damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.

**SASH CORDS**. Rub over with a damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet, but prices remained steady. Sales were reported in Banks at \$1,380, Doocks at \$17½ and Old China Lights at \$8.20.

**Buyers**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,370  
Canton Insurance \$220  
Doocks \$80  
H. & S. Hotels \$3½  
H.K. Electric \$3½  
Canton Loan \$1  
Cement \$13½  
H.K. Ropes \$4  
Wing On (H.K.) \$42  
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H.K. Govt. 5½ Loan 5½  
Dairy Farms Lights \$15½  
Sellers  
Union Insurance \$470  
H.K. Lands \$30  
Watsons \$210  
**Sales**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,330  
Union Insurance \$172½  
Doocks \$10  
China Lights (Old) \$8.20  
Dairy Farms \$21 Ex 7½  
Dairy Farms Lights \$19½  
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Atoka 35  
Esanet Consolidated \$12.50  
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San Mauricio 1.34  
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## BRIDGE AND MAHJONG

The last Bridge and Mahjong Drive of the M.C.L. financial year was held yesterday afternoon at the Peninsula Hotel.

A large number of ladies attended, making up tables of Contract Bridge, Mahjong Clear Game, and Mahjong Chinese Game, and helped to make the function a complete success.

Attractive prizes were on display during the afternoon, and in the evening were presented.

## Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in ripping seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Wrinkled neckties may be freshened as follows: Cut a cardboard form to fit into the wide or outer end of the tie. Cover with a dampened cheesecloth and press with hot iron.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

## CROWN FOR HITLER

Ancient South Russian  
Relic for Birthday

A Gothic crown whose history goes back for hundreds of years, is to be presented to Herr Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, to mark his fiftieth birthday, on April 20.

This news is confirmed locally, and it is ascertained that local Germans have already forwarded their subscriptions to Berlin.

Unfortunately the history of the crown itself is not known here. All that can be learned is that it is very old and formerly belonged to a South Russian ruler. The object of the subscriptions, it is presumed, is to purchase it from the present holder.



The ever crisp navy blue and white combination is here again in this lovely ensemble. The coat carries an all-over pattern of white on the blue; the dress is navy white, the fabric of both is a pure silk crepe.



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| CHITRAL    | 15,500 | 29th Apr.           | Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.         |
| CARTHAGE   | 14,500 | 13th May            | Marseilles & London.                |
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| RANCHI     | 17,000 | 10th June           | Bombay, Marseilles & London.        |
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| TILAWA   | 10,000 | 22nd Apr.           | DO.   |
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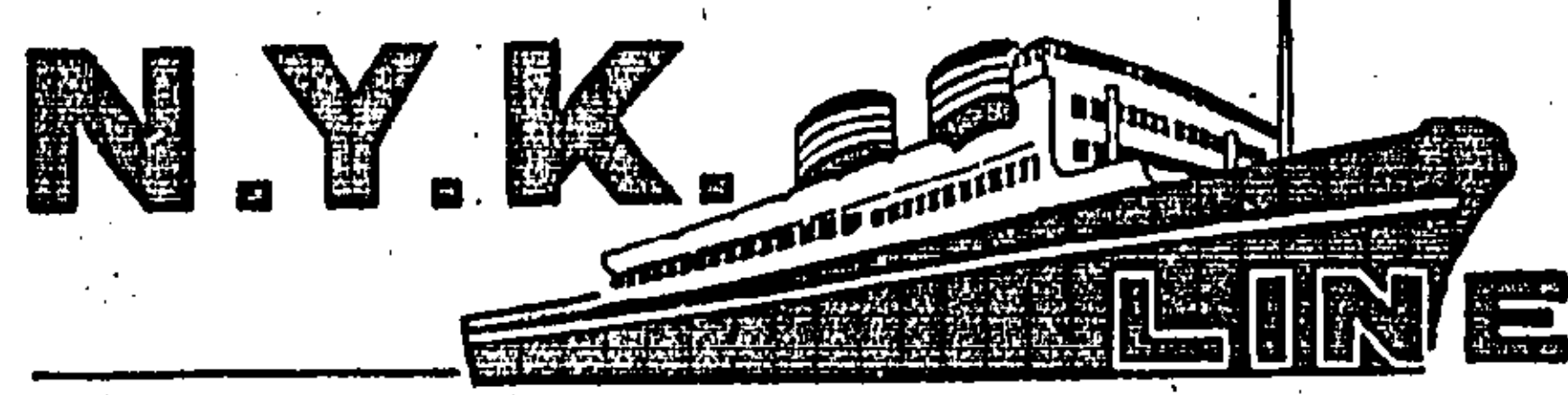
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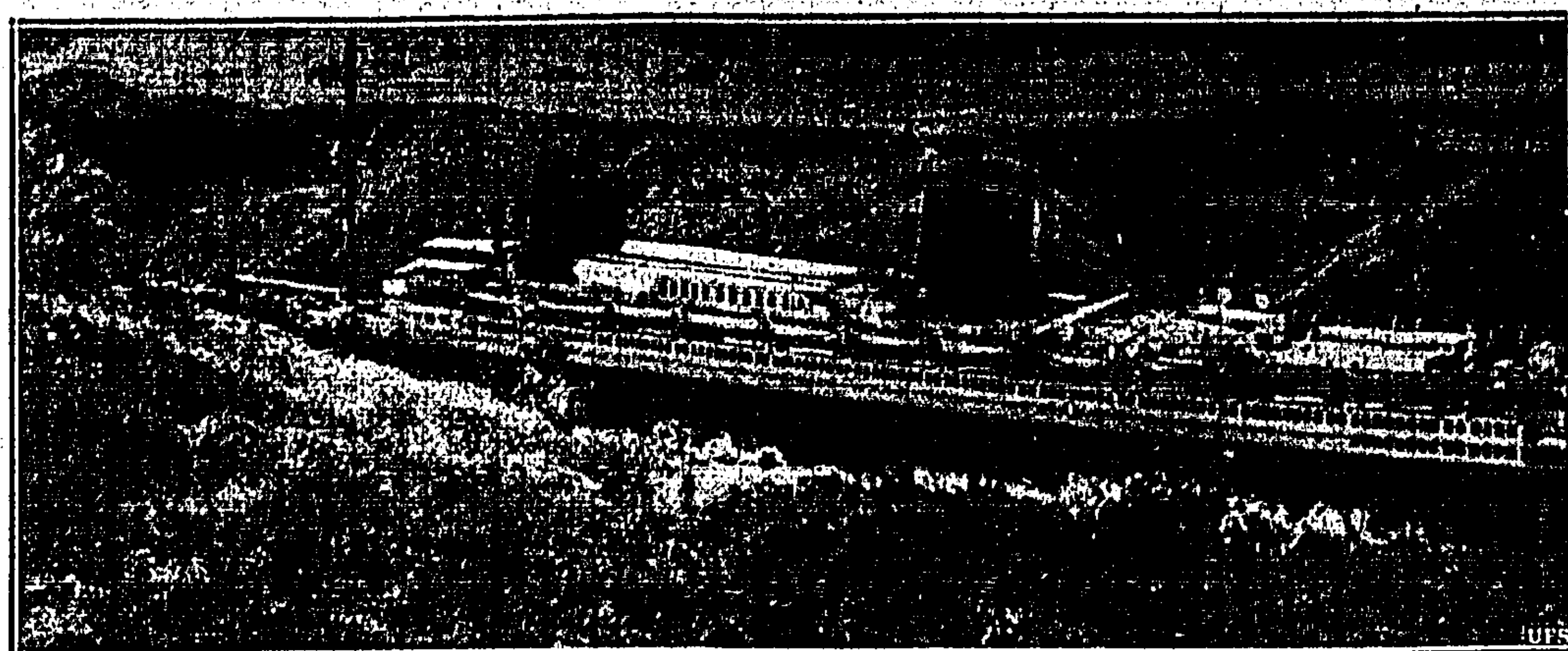
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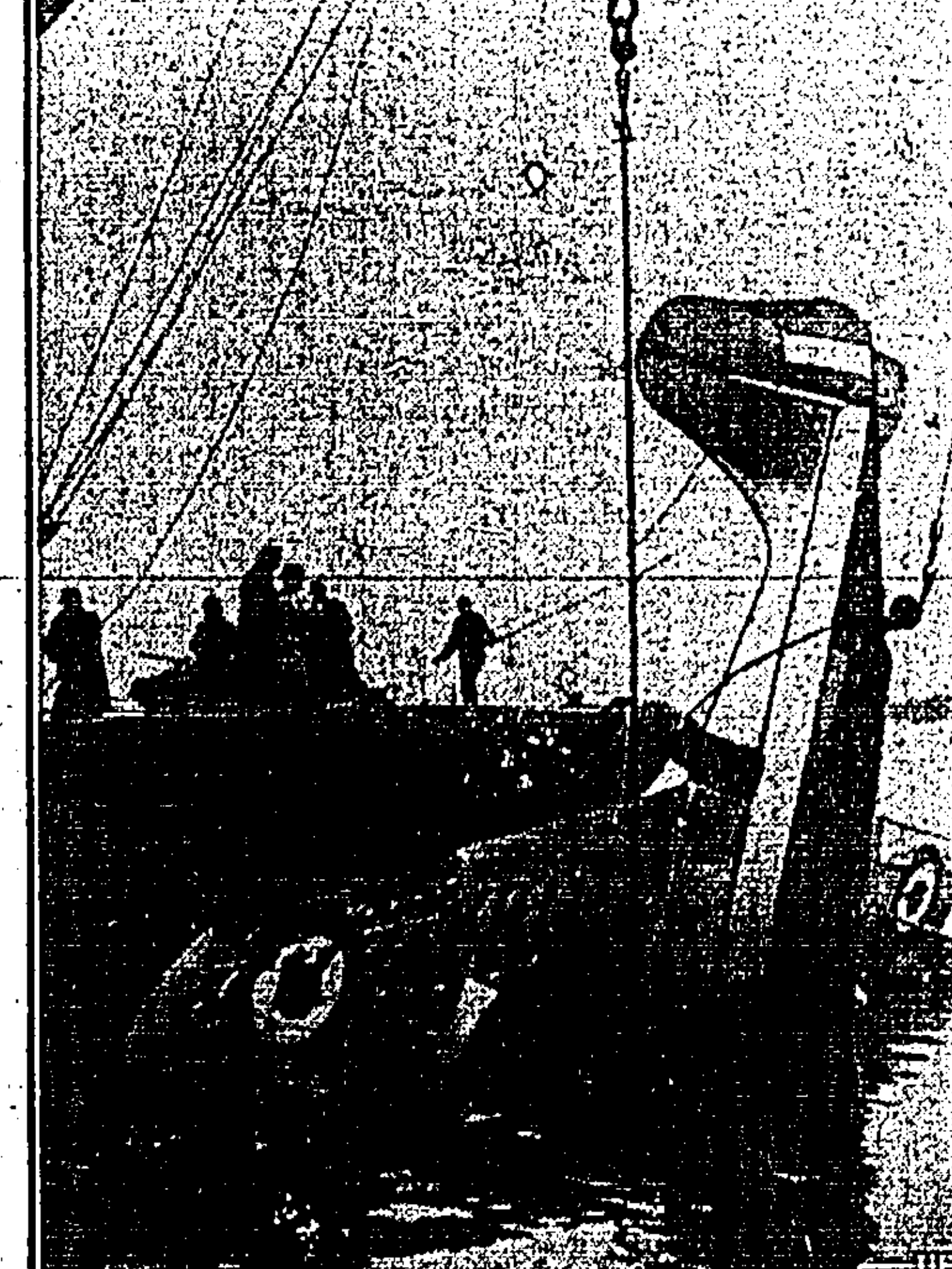
This is no landlocked ship, but the 51,000-ton German liner Bremen attempting to pass through the Panama Canal, while on a southern cruise. She was the largest ship ever to negotiate the canal and the passage was a tight squeeze, as may be seen here. The ship took nearly 12 hours to pass through the canal.



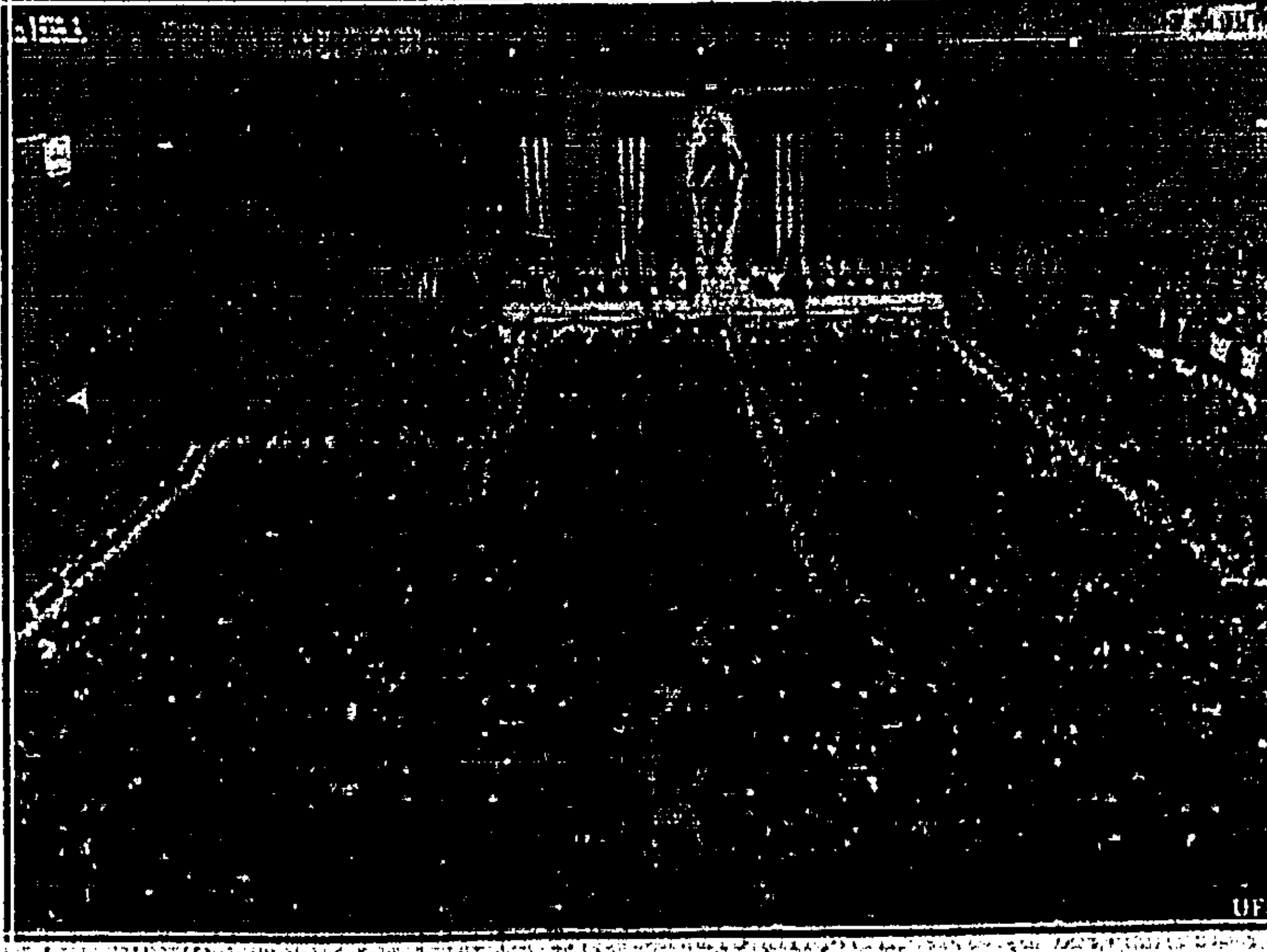
Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with tusks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Striking two-piece sun suit is shown by Mrs. Richard E. Beck of Chicago, as she strolls at the Sun and Surf Club at Palm Beach, Fla., where many society folk are vacationing.



Three days after it crashed on Long Island Sound, near Glenwood Landing, this plane owned by the Peruvian Government was raised to a barge for possible repairs and study of what caused the accident. Pilot and co-pilot, trying it for purchase of similar craft, were unhurt.



Scene in Madison Square Garden, New York, when 23,000 persons assembled at the German-American Bund's "Americanism" rally and celebration of Washington's birthday. Huge picture of Washington backed the stage.

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## Jew Refugees For Far East Shipload Departs From Germany

Mar. 27. SIX HUNDRED Jews departed by special train to-day for Genoa, from where they will sail by the Conte Biancamano on March 20 for Singapore, Shanghai, the Dutch Indies, Indo-China, and Siam.

The emigrants are mostly young or medium-aged people of both sexes, and all professions are represented, and most of them are going to Shanghai.

Aided by the different international societies for the aid of Jewish emigrants, each carried a handbag with a few belongings.

The party was conducted to the Italian border by German officials.—Reuter.

## LATE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Huang set off from the Airport yesterday for a short practice flight. A blanket of mist descended so swiftly that he lost his bearings. After flying around for an hour he decided to land on a strip of beach which became visible below. When he landed he found himself in Mrs. Bay.

Huang was described last night as an expert pilot. He is training for his "B" Class certificate.

Commercial aviation has also suffered considerable delay this morning owing to bad visibility. The Delta and Delphinus were not able to leave Kai Tak for Bangkok until 10 a.m. At 10.15 the Boeing Clipper was still riding at anchor off the landing field, awaiting favourable weather before departing for Manila on the return flight to San Francisco.

## NANCHANG "GUTTED"

"Scorched Earth" Torch Applied

Nanchang is being completely razed to the ground.

As the Japanese troops marched in last night, the Chinese rearguard systematically fired and dynamited the entire city.

This morning huge pillars of flame and smoke are visible for miles around and the Japanese report that the city is rapidly being gutted.

The Japanese state that the Chinese are resorting to the "scorched earth" policy in Nanchang on a scale never before attempted.

Military planes flying over Nanchang report that houses and streets have been systematically dynamited. No section of the city is free from flames.

It is feared that the famous "Pagoda of the Gilded Bell," the famous Nanchang pagoda surmounted by a ball which is said to be of pure gold, has suffered from the aerial and artillery bombardments of the city.

## MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH Reactions In United States

New York, Mar. 27. THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" warns against accepting the Duce's address as "moderate."

It points out that Hitler's moderate address on January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

"Mussolini's pronouncement leaves the whole question open and ominous. It is a conventional example of an established technique," the Tribune declares.

The paper adds that none of the positive statements in the speech deserves the term "conciliatory" and that the address leaves Europe as it was before, lacking real security but apparently saved for the moment from a new crisis.—United Press.

The New York "Times" states: "The speech leaves Europe lacking real security, but it is apparently saved from a new crisis."—Reuter.

WASHINGTON IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27. The conciliatory tenor of Signor Mussolini's speech has favourably

## Chinese Currency Bill In Lords

London, Mar. 27. The House of Lords to-day gave a second reading, with a division, to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Bill.

Lord Templemore drew attention to China's reputation for high financial integrity, and Lord Snel, on behalf of the Labour Opposition, expressed pleasure that this gesture to help a sorely-tribed nation had been made at last.—Reuter.

New York, Mar. 27.—It is understood that France has ordered another 100 aeroplanes from the United States.—Reuter.

Impressed officialdom and financial circles here inasmuch as it apparently opens the door for Franco-Italian conversations towards a possible solution of the Italian claims.

Most reliable sources here say that these have now been rendered easier through tactful presentations.

Senator Claude Pepper, who often acts as spokesman for the Administration's foreign affairs, says that Mussolini's speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—United Press.

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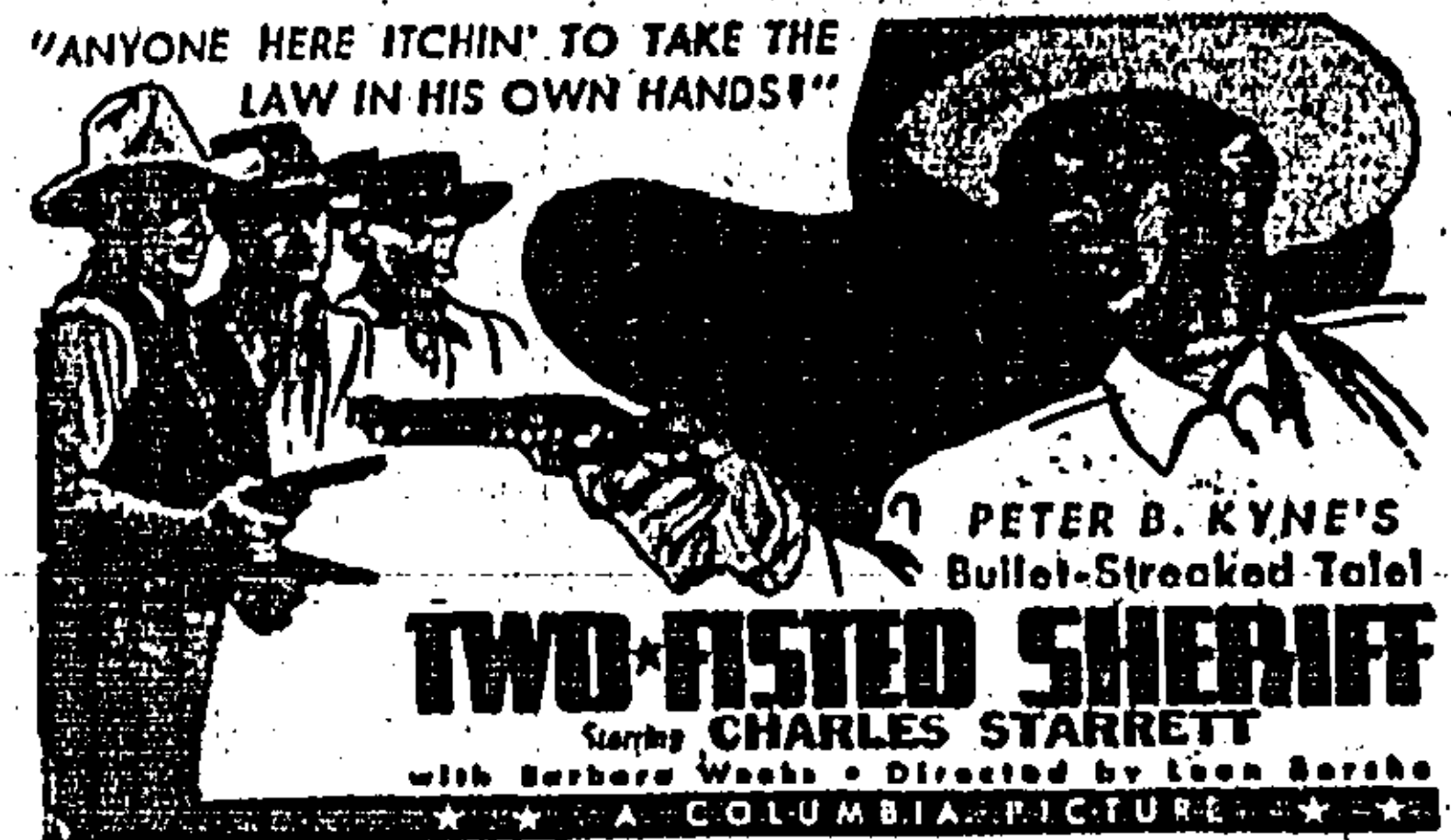
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## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

## UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

## DODWELL &amp; COMPANY LIMITED.

General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

## H. M. DOCKYARD, HONG KONG.

## EXAMINATION FOR LOCAL CLERKS.

A limited competitive examination for vacancies for 3rd grade Local Clerks will be held on 11th April, at 9.30 a.m. Candidates must be between the ages of 19-30. Examination will embrace English Essay and Dictation, Arithmetic and Typewriting.

Application for selection to compete must be made in the candidate's own handwriting and should reach the Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard not later than a.m. 1st April.

Two passport photographs of the candidate must be sent with the application.

## HONGKONG CLUB

## Notice

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERI,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

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| T.T. Saigon      | 100 1/2     |
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## EVAUATION OF MADRID BEGINS

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airfield at dawn to-day while others have been passing overhead en route to Burgos throughout the day.

Earlier it was reported that the Republican forces from Tremadura have been withdrawn with the exception of one group which has resisted fiercely.—United Press.

## NATIONALIST OFFENSIVE

Toledo, Mar. 27. The Nationalist offensive on the Toledo front to-day saw 100,000 well equipped and partly motorised troops in action.

While the Maektrago Army Corps under General Garcia Valino, and the Navarres brigades under General Solchaga broke through the Republican lines between Guadalupe and Argos, about 10 miles south of Toledo, a column commanded by General Panto crossed the Tago River and advanced in the direction of Ventosilla.

General Valino's troops had advanced seven miles by this evening and expected to converge with the column under General Solchaga in the course of the night.

Several heights which had formerly constituted a threat to Toledo were captured without trouble, and the territory within a radius of 40 miles of Toledo was mopped up.

The Republicans scarcely fired a shot during the offensive, and are offering no resistance.

It is expected that the encirclement of Madrid will be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest.—Trans-Ocean.

## TOLEDO OFFENSIVE

Burgos, Mar. 27. The second Nationalist offensive started this morning in the neighbourhood of Toledo, where infantry advanced after 90 minutes of preparatory artillery fire.

The Nationalists met with practically no resistance, and the Republicans surrendered everywhere without fighting.

Large numbers of prisoners have been taken together with considerable quantities of war materials.

The Nationalist advance on two sectors continues to be rapid and incisive, according to reports reaching Burgos.—Trans-Ocean.

## FRANCO'S BIG EFFORT

Hendaye, Mar. 27. The nationalists to-day drove through the Loyalists lines in south and central Spain and prepared to march on Madrid, without any important resistance.

The negotiations for surrender are apparently bogged because the Defence Council felt they were unable to control the anarchists and others.

According to Nationalist advices the Republican troops are fighting with the civilians in the suburbs of Madrid, demanding the city's immediate surrender.

The Nationalists have announced that General Franco has also opened a new offensive in the Toledo and broken the Republican lines. It is reported that he has co-ordinated the Pozoblanco drive in a pincer action against Ciudad Real.—United Press.

## DRIVE ON TOLEDO

Burgos, Mar. 27. General Franco's forces have struck in the Toledo sector. They claim to have broken the Republican front, and to have penetrated to a considerable depth. The Republicans are stated to be in disordered flight near the Toledo bridgehead.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN AIR CLAIMS

Rome, Mar. 27. It is officially stated that Italian legionary aviation in Spain has brought down 103 enemy aircraft from the beginning of the Spanish civil war until March 22.

Italian air force losses in Spain during the same period were 59 officers and 233 other ranks, while 88 aircraft were lost.—Reuter Special.

## Gold Exports To Czecho-Slovakia

London, Mar. 27. The Czecho-Slovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

## Torch Applied To Nanchang

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miles in circumference, have alien flags flying above them. Since the beginning of the Christian Era Nanchang has never been occupied by an invading force.

The nearest it came to invasion was during the Taiping Rebellion last century.

The Taipings besieged the city for a month but were unable to penetrate the walls. In the minds of Nanchang residents credit for the city's remarkable record of inviolability is due to the city's great deity, Hsu Chin Yang, who at one time saved the province from flood by killing a dragon snake which was threatening to make the province a part of the Yellow Sea.

Hsu cast the dragon into a well and as a result he was in A.D. 200 deified and made "Universal Lord of Happiness." Many temples in all parts of China are dedicated to him.

## Sacrificed Lives

The most thrilling episode in the entire battle for Nanchang is revealed by a Japanese admission of the bravery of a lone Chinese squad which sacrificed itself in order to dynamite the famous Chungcheng (Golden) Bridge across the Kan River.

The Chinese squad barricaded itself inside a concrete pillbox outside the Castle Gate of the city and, with machine guns, commanded all approaches to the bridge while sappers worked under fire to place the dynamite charges.

Repeated efforts by the Japanese to cross the bridge were frustrated by the hail of machine-gun fire.

Tanks were finally brought into action. The tiny Chinese unit was completely wiped out by cannon fire. As the Japanese tanks were crossing the bridge, however, it blew up with a terrific detonation.

The dynamiting of the bridge held up the Japanese advance into Nanchang for ten hours, and explains the reason why the railway station was captured at 9 o'clock in the morning—nine hours before the city itself fell.

## Bravery Eulogised

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the war that the Japanese have given due credit to the bravery of their opponents.

The Japanese report of the incident stresses the bravery of the Chinese who gave their lives in the defence of the city.

Nanchang has been severely damaged by artillery and aerial bombardments and subsequently, by fire which is still sweeping the city this morning.

## MISSING PLANE RETURNS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Bay. He secured a little food from some villagers in the vicinity and remained in the plane until 9.30 a.m., when he took off for Kai Tak.

His achievement in finding Kai Tak Airport this morning was hailed by personnel at the Training School, as the airport is blanketed in such a thick fog that all commercial planes have been grounded. Huang was enthusiastically greeted by members of the Training School when he landed. Sandwiches which had been prepared for him and were to have been taken in search planes were handed to him when he landed, and he ate them hungrily.

## PLANE TAKES OFF

The decision to send out three search planes was made at 9.40 a.m. Mr. Beddell took off in a cabin machine and at 11 o'clock was still searching for Huang, unaware of the fact that he had safely returned. The motors of the other two machines were warming up, preparatory to taking off for the search, when Huang broke through the clouds above the Airport and landed.

## Italy Now Has Enough Oil

Rome, Mar. 27. The Italian Economic Agency today declared that Italy is now able to produce enough petrol for her aviation needs.—Reuter.

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## FRANCIS I. du PONT &amp; COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: London and Paris agree that Signor Mussolini's speech has improved prospects of temporary easing of the European political tension.

The French Government is reported to be ordering 100 additional warplanes from Glen Martin and Douglas Aircraft.

Furniture manufacturers report February new business to be over 36 per cent. above the corresponding period of 1938.

| EARNINGS: | Stock                   | Period            | 1938   | 1937   |
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|           | Anaconda Copper Mining  | .... Yr. 31/12    | \$1.10 | \$3.02 |
|           | Union Carbide & Carbide | ..... Yr. 31/12   | \$2.77 | \$4.75 |
|           | Kennecott Mining        | ..... Yr. 31/12   | \$2.10 |        |
|           | Electric Auto-Lite      | ..... 4th quarter | \$1.20 |        |

## LONDON AVERAGES:

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| Rails Average      | 54.8 | 55.7 |

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

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## CHARITY SHOW

Talented acrobatic youths who wielded the javelin expertly, were among the artists who performed in a charity show held at the Lee Theatre last night, sponsored by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association to raise funds to help the war wounded and refugees.

Performers in the show were mainly men of a troupe of stage actors from North China, who spoke only Mandarin. Every item on the evening's programme won the enthusiastic approval of a large audience.

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## "The Thin Red Line" And Other London Relays

## TCHAIKOWSKY SYMPHONY

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.16 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 George Formby, Gracie Fields and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

Cotton—Fox-Trot (from "Cotton Club Parade")... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal by Ivy Anderson George Formby Medley; Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de Oh; Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fanny Light Fanny... George Formby (Comedina) with His Ukulele and Orchestra; Twelfth Street Rag—Fox-Trot; Awful Sad—Fox-Trot; Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; I Think What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley and Lyman); Like The Big Pots Do (Long)... Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orchestra; East St. Louis Toodle-Do; Rockin' Chair—Fox-Trot... Duke Ellington and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 1; Intro: Dancing with my Shadow; June in January; What a Little Moonlight can do; I've got an invitation to a Dance; Blue Moon; Easter Parade; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 2; Intro: When I grow too old to dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; In the Merry Month of May; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Waltz—I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles... The Green Brothers' Marimba Band with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trots—Xylophone; Lady Of Madrid... Joe Green (Xylophone); and Milt Herie (Organ).

1.45 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Rotarian M. F. Key, O.B.E. Subject: "Mass Inspiration"; An account of a Rotary Convention.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Garden of the Moon; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Foolin' Myself; (d) When you're smiling.

6.14 Record: Clownerie Swing (Azarola)... Azarola at the Piano. 6.21 (a) Who are we to say; (b) I've got a pocketful of dreams; (c) Music for Sweethearts; (d) Rhythm Excursion.

6.35 Records: Bojangles Of Harlem (film "Swing Time"); A Fine Romance (film "Swing Time")... Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Jimmy Green's Orchestra; Schon Remarin (Kreisler)... Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano.

6.44 (a) Stolen Heaven; (b) Wacky Dust; (c) Don't let that mean get away; (d) East Side Kick.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—The Thin Red Line.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers celebrates the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. In this programme listeners will hear of the many engagements in which the Fusiliers have fought with distinction, and of the regiment's privileges and traditions. Production by T. Rowland Hughes.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.B.C. Recording—"Love Needs a Waltz."

8.10 Operaetta, Book and Lyrics by James Drenforth. Music by K. Leslie-Smith.

8.00 The Kentucky Minstrels. True Till Death (Scott Gatt); Whisper And I Shall Hear (Piccolomini)... Soloist: John Duncan; Love, Could I Only Tell Thee (Bingham-Capel)... conducted by Leslie Woodgate with Herbert Dawson at the Organ.

9.15 London Relay—"Oliver Bean's Adventures". A dramatic sketch by Burges Meredith. Scene: A test studied of a large motion picture company. Produced by Barbara Burnham.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Vienna, City Of My Dreams (film "Heart's Desire"); Let Me Awaken Your Heart (film "Heart's Desire"); My World Is Cold Because You Love Me (film "Heart's Desire")... with Orchestra conducted by Idris Lewis.

10.00 London Relay—The City of London—6.

"Mining Lane" by C. J. Ritchie and "Billingsgate" by T. S. Dove; Introduced by Alan Ivimey.

10.20 Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathétique" Symphony). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

11.00 Close Down.

## POST OFFICE.

## INWARD MAILS

| From   | Per             | Due       |
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| Shanghai   | Bolshevik       | March 28. |
| Formosa  | Canton Maru     | March 28. |
| Swatow   | Chungking       | March 28. |
| Amoy   | Cremor          | March 28. |
| Manila   | Empress of Asia | March 28. |
| Shanghai   | Formosa         | March 28. |
| Shanghai, Amoy and Chuanchow   | Kwangtung       | March 28. |
| Tientsin   | Ninghai         | March 28. |
| Japan  | Nagato Maru     | March 28. |
| Shanghai, Amoy, Chuanchow  | Shantung        | March 28. |
| Shanghai and Swatow  | Sochow          | March 28. |
| Swatow   | Anshan          | March 28. |
| Calcutta and Straits   | Tilawa          | March 28. |
| Java and Manila  | Tjisadane       | March 28. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 2nd March) | Chichibu Maru   | March 29. |

Straits and Europe via Suez, (Papers, etc.), London date, 2nd March and London Parcels—(London date, 23rd February)

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Chitral" Direct Service—London date, 22nd March.

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| Shanghai  | Kamakura Maru       | March 29. |
| Bangkok   | Kwelyang            | March 29. |
| Singon  | Marchal Joffre      | March 29. |
| Tientsin and Swatow                               | Newchwang           | March 29. |
| U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 4th March) | Pres. Monroe        | March 29. |
| Straits   | Proletariat         | March 29. |
| Shanghai  | Anlock              | March 30. |
| Straits   | Franconia           | March 30. |
| Japan   | Nankin              | March 30. |
| Japan   | Rio de Janeiro Maru | March 30. |
| Shanghai  | Yangtze             | March 30. |

## OUTWARD MAILS

| For                      | Per                    | Date and Time.            |
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| Fort Bayard and Haiphong | Jean Dupuis            | Tues., Mar. 28, 2 p.m.    |
| Swatow and Bangkok       | Mulinan                | Tues., Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m. |
| Chuanchow and Amoy       | Taiyuan                | Tues., Mar. 28, 3.30 p.m. |
| Canton Maru              | Tues., Mar. 28, 7 p.m. |                           |
| Manila                   | Formosa                | Tues., Mar. 28, 7.00 p.m. |
| Singon                   | Nagato Maru            | Tues., Mar. 28, 7 p.m.    |

Wednesday

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow... Halching... Wed., Mar. 29, 2 p.m.

Haiphong... Taisang... Wed., Mar. 29, 3 p.m.

Parcels only for Straits... Cremor... Wed., Mar. 29, 6.00 p.m.

Parcels and Papers only for Canada and (Letters and Papers only for U.S.A. via Vancouver, B.C.) due Vancouver, B.C., 20th April

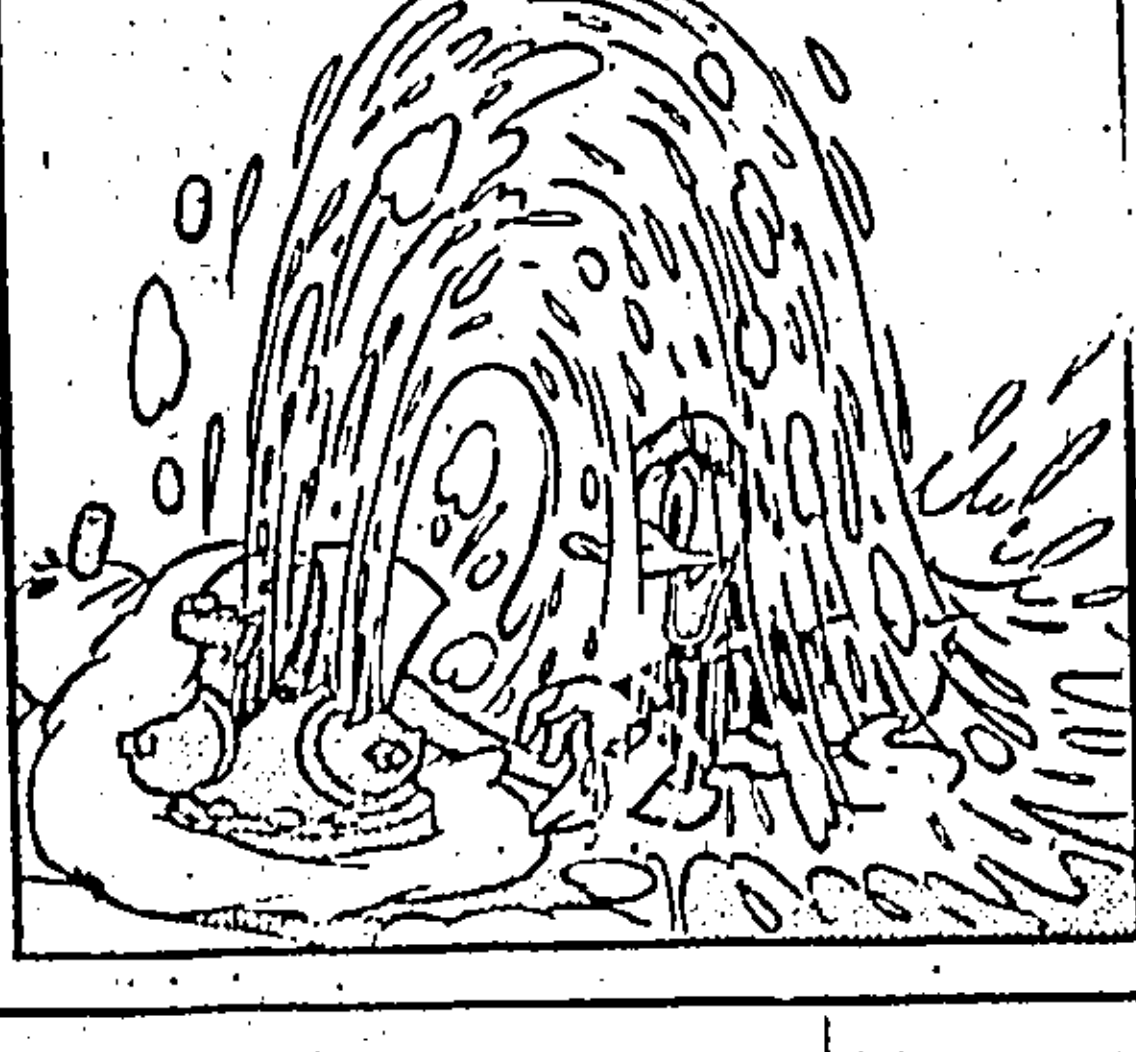
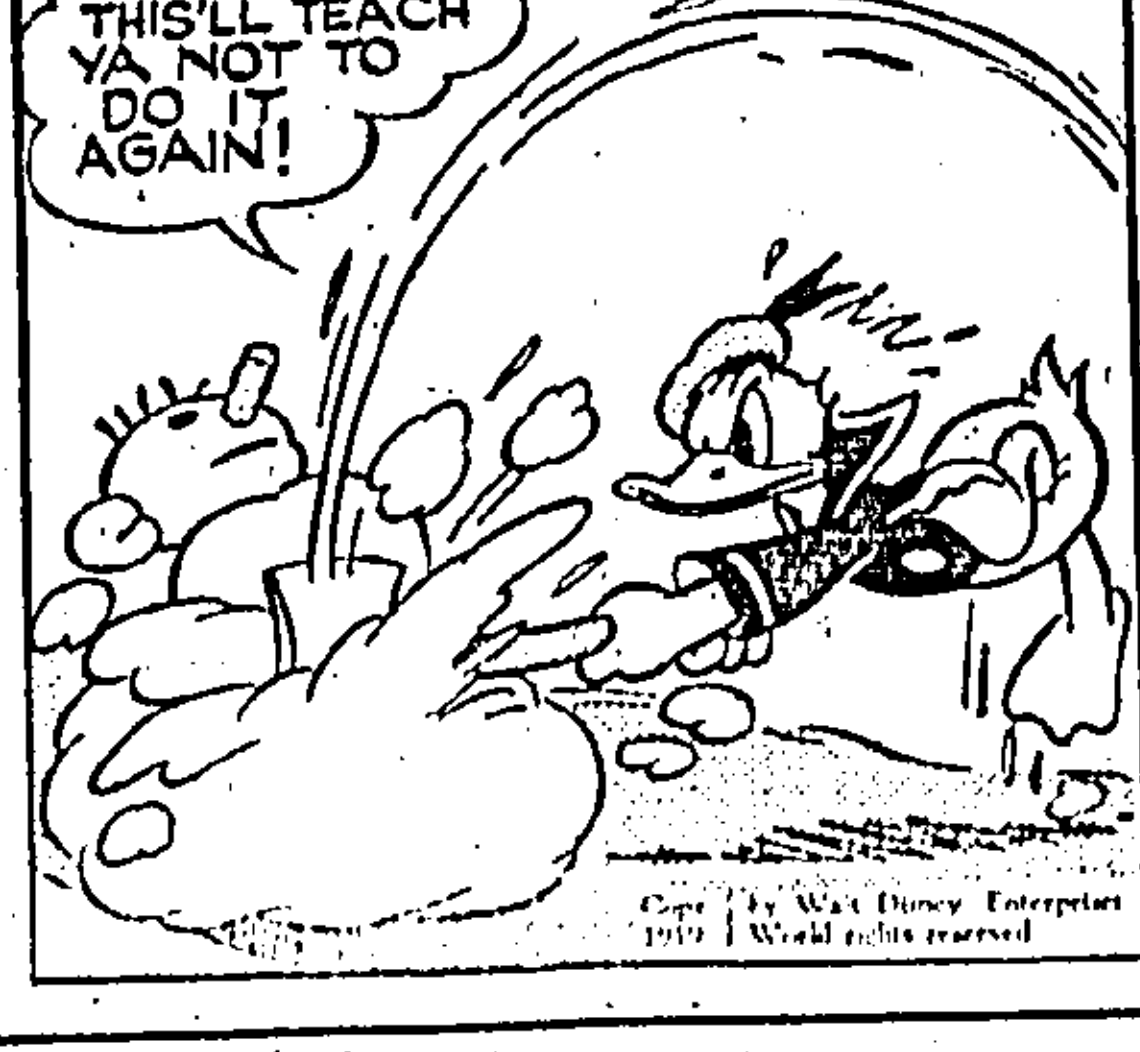
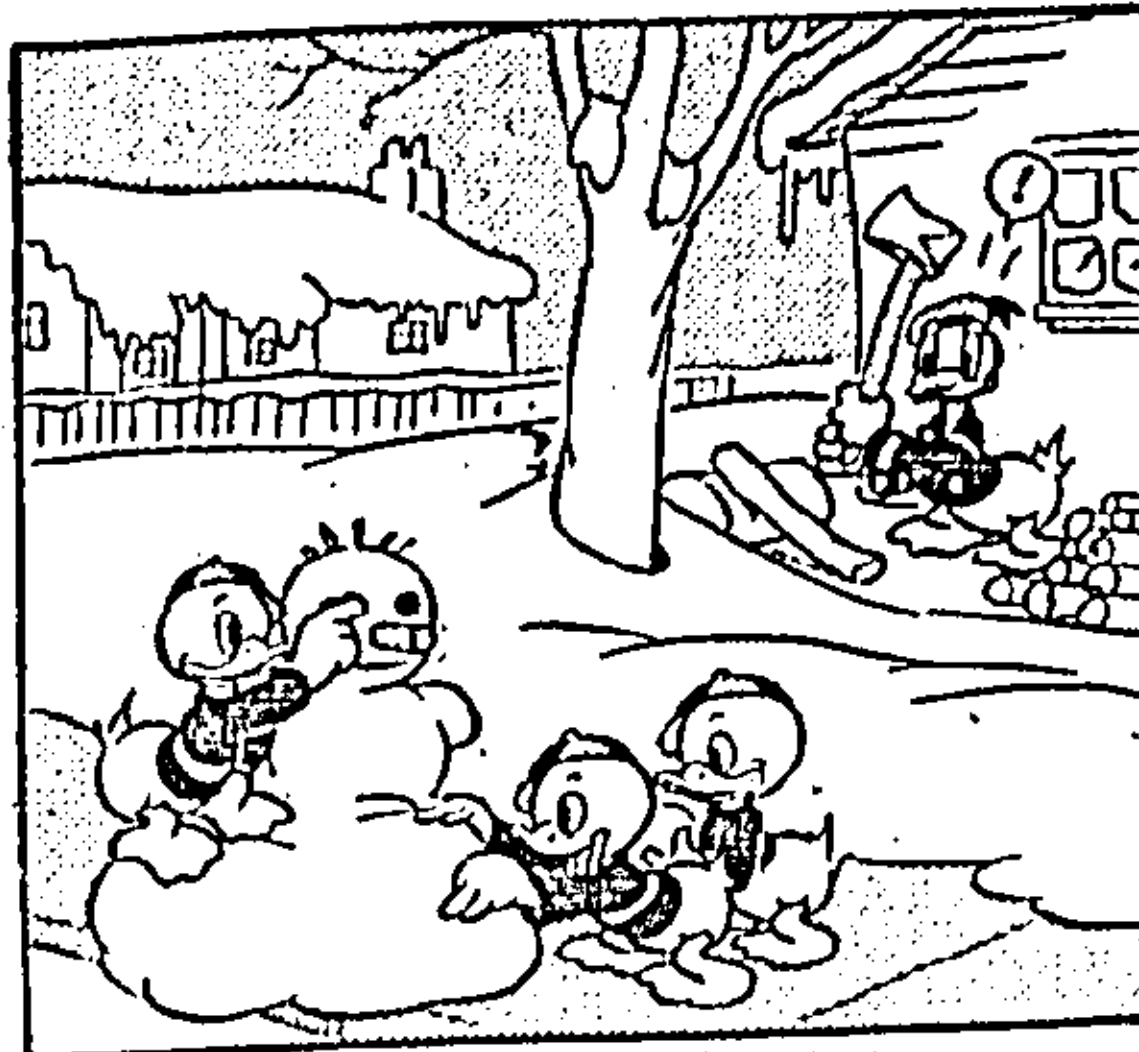
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## Rise In Navy Estimates

(Continued from Page 3.)

Walker-on-Tyne, and Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, Birkenhead, Aircraft Carriers.

1934 PROGRAMME

The Ark Royal, constructed by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, was completed in November, 1933.

1935 PROGRAMME

Construction of the illustrious and Victoria at the works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, at Barrow-in-Furness, and High Walker, respectively, is proceeding satisfactorily, and they are expected to be launched in April and September next, respectively.

1936 PROGRAMME

The Vengeance and Indomitable, of the illustrious class, under construction by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, Belfast, and Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, Barrow-in-Furness, respectively, are progressing satisfactorily, and are due to be launched in the financial year 1937.

1937 PROGRAMME

A further aircraft-carrier was ordered from Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, on October 11, 1935.

1938 PROGRAMME

The Liverpool and Manchester, constructed by Messrs. The Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, and Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn Leslie and Co., Limited, respectively, and the Gloucester, built at Devonport Dockyard, have been completed.

1939 PROGRAMME

The Belfast, building by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited, was launched on March 17, 1938, and the Edinburgh, building by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, on March 31, 1938. Both vessels, of the improved Southampton class, are expected to complete during the summer of 1939. Construction of the Dido class vessels, Dido (Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited), Furyus (Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Limited), and W. Hawthorn Leslie and Co., Limited), and the Gloucester, is proceeding satisfactorily, and they are expected to be launched in the financial year 1939.

Orders for the leader and destroyers of the Laforey class were placed on March 31, 1938, as follows:

1939 PROGRAMME

The ships of the Fiji class have been laid down as follows:

Fiji—Building by Messrs. John Brown and Co., Limited, March 30, 1938.

Kanya—Building by Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited, June 10, 1938.

Mauritius—Building by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, March 31, 1938.

Nigeria—Building by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, February 8, 1938.

Trinidad—Building by H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, April 21, 1938.

Work is proceeding satisfactorily.

Work on the Bonaventure (Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited), and Hermione (Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Limited), both of the Dido class, is proceeding satisfactorily and the vessels are expected to be launched shortly.

1938 PROGRAMME

Orders for a further three ships of the Dido class were placed in August, 1935, as follows:

1938 PROGRAMME

The keel plates of Charybdis and Victoria were laid on November 9, 1935. Charybdis was laid on November 9, 1935, and Victoria on November 9, 1935. Orders for the Ceylon, Camba, Jamaica, and Uganda of the Fiji class will be placed shortly.

1939 PROGRAMME

Orders for three fast minelayers of the 1000 programme were placed on December 21, 1935, as follows:

1939 PROGRAMME

Abdell—Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, Croydon.

Lutona—Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, Southampton.

Maxman—Messrs. A. Stephen and Sons, Limited, Govan.

Leaders and Destroyers.

The seven Tribal class destroyers Afridi, Conack, Gurkha, Maori, Mohawk, Nubian, and Zulu were delivered and accepted during the period April to December, 1935.

1936 PROGRAMME

Of the further nine destroyers of the same class, the Ananti, Eskimo, Matabel, Sikh, and Somali have been delivered, and accepted. The remaining four vessels, Bedouin, Mashona, Pupun, and Tartar have successfully carried out their trials and are due for delivery very shortly.

The flotilla leader Jervis and the Javelin class destroyers Javelin, Jackal, Jaguar, Janus, Jersey, Juno, and Jupiter have all been launched and are expected to complete by the summer of 1939.

1937 PROGRAMME

The flotilla leader Kelly and the seven destroyers Kashmir, Kandahar, Kelvin, Kimberley, Kingston, and Kipling are progressing satisfactorily, and are expected to be launched during the financial year 1939.

Orders for the leader and destroyers of the Laforey class were placed on March 31, 1938, as follows:

1938 PROGRAMME

The Laforey (leader) and Lance—Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, Scotfoun.

Lorne and Lively—Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, Scotfoun.

The Laforey class was completed at Devonport Dockyard in May and July, 1938.

1939 PROGRAMME

Further vessels of the Triton class have been ordered as follows:

1939 PROGRAMME

Tetrahedron—Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, keel laid August 24, 1938.

Talisman—Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Limited, keel laid September 27, 1938.

Torban—Chatham Dockyard; keel laid November 21, 1938.

Escort Vessels

The Erret was completed by Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, and the Falconet and the Magnet and Magnet at Middlebrough, the Planet, and Planet at Renfrew. The vessels are expected to be completed shortly.

The six boom defence vessels of the Bayonet class (1937 programme) are progressing satisfactorily, the Bayonet and Falconet at Blyth, the Magnet and Magnet at Middlebrough, the Planet, and Planet at Renfrew. The vessels are expected to be completed shortly.

Five further boom defence vessels of this class (1938 programme) were ordered from Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, in June, 1938, and the vessels are expected to be completed during the financial year 1939.

The tug Bander (1937 programme) was completed by Messrs. Henry Robb, Limited, Leith, in May, 1938.

The cable ship Lascaris (1938 programme) was completed by Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, in June, 1938.

The minelayer Lascaris (1938 programme) was completed by Ardrossan Dockyard, Limited, in June, 1938, and the Redstart and Ringdove were completed by Messrs. Henry Robb, Limited, Leith, in October and December, 1938, respectively.

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1938, respectively, the Gosamer by Messrs. W. Hamilton and Co., Limited, in March, 1938, and the Jason, by the Adam Shipbuilding Company, Limited, in June, 1938.

1937 PROGRAMME

The construction of the Bramble and Briton at Devonport Dockyard, and the Speedy and Sphinx at the Admiralty Dockyard, was completed in June, 1937.

1938 PROGRAMME

The Vengeance was completed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Limited, in June, 1938.

1937 PROGRAMME

The Guilemot and Pinfall, ordered from Messrs. Wm. Denny and Bros., Limited, and the Shearwater from Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, in April, 1938, are expected to be completed during the financial year 1939.

1939 PROGRAMME

The submarine depot ship Malden (1933 programme) was completed by Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, in May, 1938.

The submarine depot ship Fort (1937 programme) was completed by Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, in May, 1938.

1938 PROGRAMME

The submarine depot ship Adamant (1928 programme) was completed by Messrs. J. S. White and Co., Limited, in May, 1938.

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## News is Knowledge

QUESTION: Which is the world's busiest railway junction?

ANSWER: Clapham Junction, London, 2,500 trains are dealt with every 24 hours, according to the 1938 edition of "Facts About British Railways."

Q: Which nation holds the record for the world's fastest steam train?

A: Britain, with the streamlined express, "The Coronation," which set up the record of 125 miles an hour last summer.

Q: Which is the fastest run in the British Empire?

A: "The Coronation's" regular trip, King's Cross-Edinburgh, 392½ miles in 6 hours.

Q: What are the chances of being killed in an accident on a British railway?

A: Last year's accident records showed that the odds were 232,000 to 1 against.

increased provision which it is necessary to make this year for Vote 10.

It is proposed to make provision next year for the commencement of works to provide accommodation for Fleet Air Force personnel in the vicinity of the main base, which is anticipated will be transferred from the Royal Air Force.

Provision is also made for the construction of a new building to meet the growing requirements of the Fleet.

At Portsmouth it is intended to commence work on lengthening No. 8 dock, which is urgently necessary to meet increased docking requirements. This proposal will provide accommodation for four dockings of destroyers up to 400ft. in length, thereby leaving the larger docks for cruisers.

At Devonport provision is made for a new berth for cruisers on the north wall of No. 1 dock.

Singapore work is being pressed forward in connection with the completion of the new wharf and store base, and in particular the erection of accommodation for the crews of vessels visiting the port. A second electric railway station is being provided.

MISCELLANEOUS

Welding investigations have been continued, particularly research concerning the welding of high-tensile steels, which has been carried out in conjunction with the Institute of Welding. The air-welded joints of the hulls of the new destroyers, which were sent to sea for rough weather tests. The results were satisfactory.

Experiments have continued to ascertain the best methods of mitigating the damage effect of various weapons on warships, including submarines.

Progress has been made in the application of the results of study of air flow round ships and their control positions.

Research, experiments with a view to ensuring that the electrical equipment of the Fleet is kept abreast of modern progress.

Advances in obtaining higher outputs from given weight continue to be sought.

During the past year special shore trials have been carried out on an Admiralty type boiler and, as a result, investigations have been continued in favour of a return to coal burning in warships. These investigations have proved conclusively that, on the major part, weight and space required and operation, a return to coal burning would be definitely unacceptable.

With a view to widening the field of application of fuel oils for internal-combustion engines and boilers, trials have been carried out on fuels from alternative sources of supply.

Materials

Investigations into the properties and uses of new alloy steels, high strength ferrous materials have been continued. The object of reducing the weight of machinery installations without sacrifice of reliability and also of extending the life of machinery. Special attention has been directed to the study of wear in submarine engines and to the general problems of metallic corrosion.

Internal-Combustion Engines

In order to investigate the possibilities of the various types of submarine engine available, several different designs, including an Admiralty design, are being constructed. At present programme submarines. Meanwhile, new types are being advanced as a result of the work at the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory.

The work of developing high-powered high-speed engines suitable for motor torpedo-boats is progressing satisfactorily, and trials are expected shortly.

New type of high-speed compression ignition engine suitable for driving electric generators is being purchased for trial.

Aircraft Equipment

New types of catapult are under construction for installation in new construction battleships and cruisers.

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NAVAL WORKS

The increase in the effective strength of the Royal Navy and the decision to transfer the Fleet Air Arm to the control of the Admiralty are reflected in the

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Fabled hero of Greek mythology

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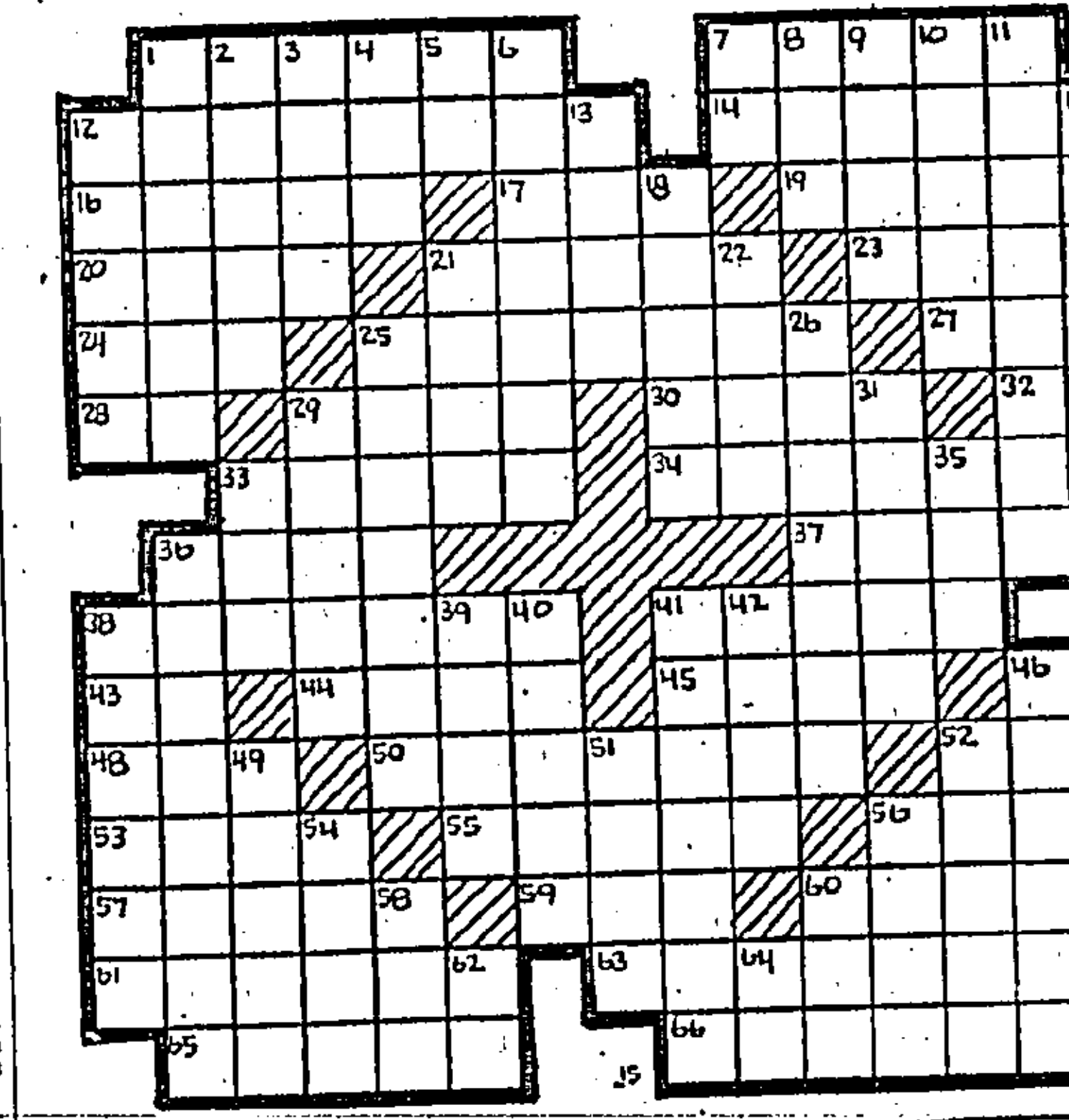
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FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Arrives by Steamer

From Haiphong

His Excellency M. H. Cosme, the new French Ambassador to China, reached Hongkong yesterday by the steamer Canton from Haiphong.

He was accompanied by Col. Yvon, who has replaced the late Col. Rousseau as Military Attache.

M. Cosme will sail for Shanghai to-morrow. He was Counsellor to the Embassy at Peking from 1927 to 1929.

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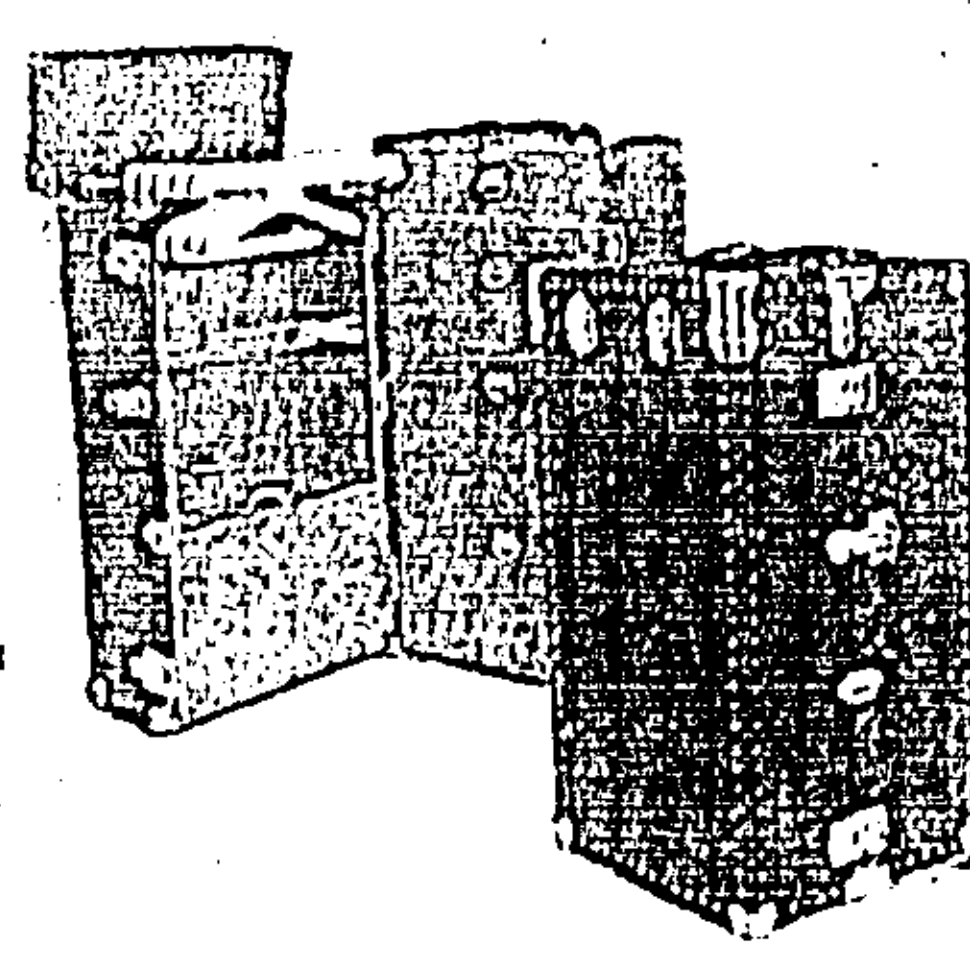
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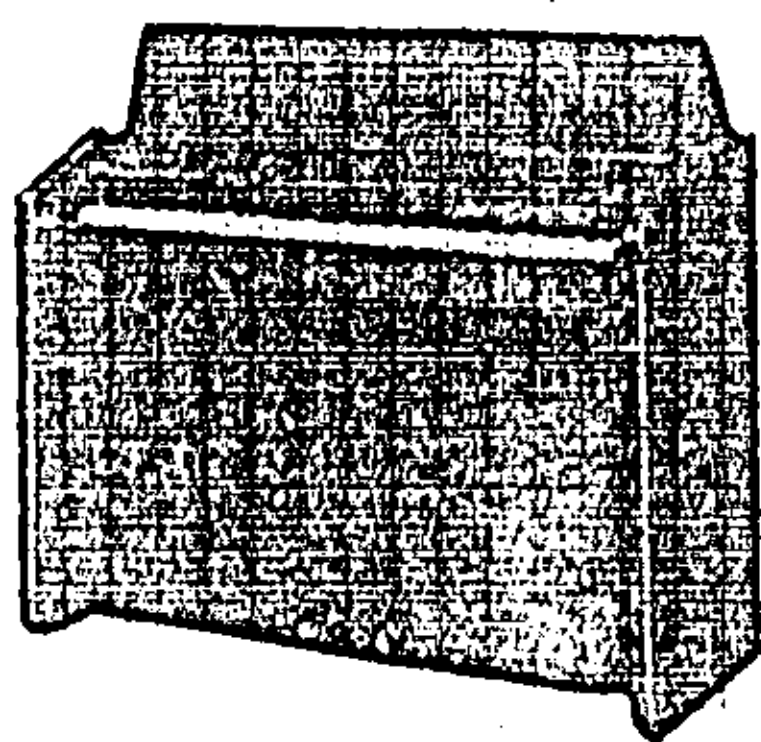
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**Germany and Britain**

THERE IS no danger of war  
between Britain and Ger-  
many. That peril does not exist  
for the good and sufficient reason  
that there is at present not one  
valid reason why they  
should fight.

The treatment of the un-  
fortunate Jews in Germany  
shocks the English public. But  
it is recognised as an internal  
problem, like any other outbreak  
of crime. The rape of Czecho-  
Slovakia may at one time have  
been a reason for war, but it is  
past and is no more reason why  
Germany and Britain should  
fight than the rape of Abyssinia  
should now cause an Anglo-  
Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot ham-  
mer humanity into the Germans  
with bombs and bullets, even if  
we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a  
real desire by Germany to pur-  
sue Britain. There is, of course,  
some rough language. But that,  
be it admitted, comes from both  
sides, for the British Press is  
not irreproachable.

These observations are made  
without any regard to the  
merits of the case. We believe  
there is plenty of justification  
for the vituperation that has  
been poured on Germany by the  
peoples and newspapers of  
peace-loving nations. But that  
fact does not mean that there is  
going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany  
do not differ in severity, though  
they may differ in scale, from  
the offences for which Germany  
has become notorious in the  
past two years.

So what? We came nearest  
to war in September last year.  
But the world is so jittery that  
tension to-day is as great as it  
was six months ago.

**Personal Impression**

HOW THE news-reels open up  
the world and widen the range  
of human understanding!

Your neighbour says: "I know  
Mayor La Guardia of New York."  
You answer, "So do I," although  
you have never seen the mayor in  
the flesh. It is the news-reel which  
has given a personal impression of  
the man which no amount of read-  
ing could have brought.

The news-reel gives the eye a  
vivid picture of what is happening  
in the world to-day and gives the  
mind an understanding of events  
that cannot be obtained from other  
sources.

There is the value of the news-  
reel. It enables the spectator to  
estimate the many angles in the  
news first received from the news-  
papers. And, of course, it is upon  
understanding that democracy is  
founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that  
censorship should exist in Hong-  
kong to the extent that those re-  
markable "March of Time" news-  
reels are so laced and scissored  
that many of their subjects are  
rendered unintelligible. Such an  
instance occurred last week.

# 'I asked Mussolini questions...'

First of a new series of  
articles in which questions  
are put to the Duce by  
an interpreter - and  
answered from Mussolini's  
"My Autobiography."



'I have insisted  
on being strong.  
I have laboured  
to be generous.'

**Q.** You signed a pact with Britain to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean. Will you keep to it?

**A.** "On the delicate ground of treaties I explained my position and suggestions in a speech about foreign policy delivered at the Chamber, November 16, 1922.

"I said, then, as I always say, that treaties, whether bad or good, must be carried out. A respectable nation can have no other programme.

"But treaties are neither eternal nor irrevocable. They are chapters of history, not epilogues of history." (p.204.)

**Q.** What do you think of the English?

**A.** "The intellectual life of the Anglo-Saxon interests me especially, because of the organised character of its culture and its scholastic touch and flavour." (p.32.)

**Q.** Your followers cry for Tunis, Corsica, Djibouti, Nice. Why do you want France's colonies?

**A.** "To a nation like ours, powerful and prolific, that has a need of raw materials, of outlets, of markets, and of land on account of the exuberance of its population, only some insignificant rectifications of frontiers were granted when the glut of colonial spoil was passed round (after the war)." (p.212.)

**Q.** What is your colonial policy, then?

**A.** "My colonial policy has a simple affinity with my foreign policy. Even taking into consideration the virtues of our colonising peoples, even remembering all the fine human material we have given for the development of entire regions of the African and American worlds, before the war and after, we had failed to realise the potential possibilities for our colonial programme....

"We missed then (just after the war) that legitimate satisfaction which should have come to us from right and from duty fulfilled during and after the war." (p.212.)

**Q.** Why do you need more colonies? Why did you take Abyssinia?

**A.** "Colonial development would not have been for us merely a logical consequence of our population problem, but would have constituted a formula of solution for our economic situation.

"Even now... this situation has to find its full solution. Our colonies are few, and not all open to extensive improvement. (This was before he took Abyssinia—author)." (p.212.)

"Into these labours to rebuild Italy's peaceful position before the world, and to develop, as duty dictates, every colonial possibility which may help to solve our population problems, I have put my days and some of my sleepless nights." (p.213.)

**Q.** Despite your peaceful protestations you did not forbid your Fascist followers to organise demonstrations before French consulates, demanding French colonies. What is your real opinion of such methods?

**A.** "It is never admissible, in fact, that diplomatic controversies can be twisted or troubled by angry popular demonstrations against embassies or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an old, democratic habit, which

Fascism has clearly outgrown." (p.211.)

**Q.** You have made your Fascists hate France. Did you yourself always hate France?

**A.** "And now (in 1915) while Italy remained out of the war our first legions of volunteers were organised and went to France to fight... Again the red shirts, once distinguished as the saviours of Italy, now in the land of France testified to the indestructibility of Latinity.

"The past quarrels—not long past—of Mediterranean interests were wiped out.... Everything was off. France was in danger! This I preached and set forth. France was in danger." (pp.43-4.)

**Q.** Why not a political deal with France?

**A.** "Italians... naturally... are realists and the enemies of all forms of political bargaining." (p.41.)

**Q.** You are accused of stirring up Italians in French colonies to oppose France. What is your attitude to Italians in foreign lands?

**A.** "I have sent forth messages of brotherhood and faith to the Italians who live beyond our borders. I did not give them the name of immigrants, because in the past this word has had a humiliating meaning, and it seemed in some way to designate an inferior category of men and women. I have been able, I am glad to say, to protect my countrymen without hurting the susceptibilities of other peoples. This protection is founded on international law and good sense in all exchanges between nations." (p.210.)

**Q.** Everybody, from Hitler onwards, says he wants peace. Do you?

**A.** "There are those, no doubt, who regard me, or have once regarded me, as an enemy to the peace of the world.

"To them there is nothing to say unless to recommend to them my biography for careful reading. The record of facts is worth more than the accusation of fools." (p.201.)

"The foreign policy of Italy, as directed by me, has been sim-

ple, understandable... First, that we endeavour to make and mine is a policy of peace. It is founded not upon words, gesturing, brick by brick, stone by stone, and more paper trans-acted, but comes from an ele-founded on realities rather than vated national prestige and from on dreams and visionary plans. a whole net-work of agreements "I have insisted on being and treaties which cement har-strong, but I have laboured to strong, but I have laboured to be generous." (p.206.)

"We are idealists in the sense

(Continued on Page 7.)

## SHADOWS of the VALLEY

"HAS HE really got to go, Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa says 'e 's not the 'orse for you, Missie, and 'e 's about right, too. Can't take 'is corn, 'e can't. Not but what 'e 's a nice little 'orse, like."

Firm friends, these two—the young girl, slim Jodhpored, the grained and bowed old groom. Many a comparatively innocent escapade had they concealed from the knowledge of the "Marster".

UPON THE barren ugliness of the Howington Canal and the stark and hideous melancholy of Morrison Hill the mist is lifting.

Beyond and away there seems to lie the long lost glories of the old hill clothed in leafy verdure surrounding the lovely houses built before the reign of the despot King Cement.

Again the vapour shifted, and again a vision. A pig-tailed, little lady turns her gleaming, eager chestnut from the cobble-stable-yard and through the massive old timber gates into the fresh spring beauties of the glorious Middlesex lanes, almost devoid of traffic.

Old Lovell, creakingly mounting, follows on his line, though ancient, black. Smartly they trot along the lanes, the chestnut snuffing appreciatively the keen morning air, snatches at his bit. "Ave a care, Missie, 'e 's a mite fresh, like." They turn into the lime-lined, sun-checked ride, and canter out of ken.

THE VALLEY is indeed in shadow; the sun, flouting the mist, cuts the spacious, horseshoe shape in twain. Seven a.m. the peak hour of the day.

Ponies—black, brown, bay, "off-white" grey, and the persistent ugly dun of the wild ancestor. Saddled and rugged mostly, they clatter down from their green-tiled quarters on the hill.

Docile in appearance most of the Mongolians—even dejected—but this is largely a deception.

Here a wild-eyed bay tries conclusions with his syce, and is discomfited.

A grey and a brown in single file plod along.

The leader takes what seems to be intelligent interest in the watching bystander; arrived alongside, in a flash he turns his quarters and lashes out.

Luckily the intended victim, knowing the propensities of the corn-fed Mongolian, has not been too trustful; he quickly sidesteps; which activity, together with a couple of jobs at the miscreant's mouth by his groom, has evaded intent.

That semblance of innocent interest had masked an equine mathematical calculation of distance—and an accurate one!

Fresh-faced young enthusiasts, booted and sweated, mounted for the trial.

A little bunch of students of form, complete with stopwatch, line the rails.

Two little beasts, chunky of head, bull-necked but narrow-chested, cow-hocked and hairy-heeled; one undersized and herring-gutted little grey, of such pathetic proportions that it seems a daring feat on the part of the broad-shouldered, large-lipped young six-footer to mount, much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest extends well beyond that of the pony, the whole effect strongly reminiscent of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no semblance of "oneness" between horse and rider. But the purpose of the morning is a more prosaic one than to please the critical eye of the beholder.

After the customary squealing, backing and twisting, the six are off and away, pelting round the cinder track. A test of lungs, equine or human. And, malformed as he usually is, the Mongolian can, if he feels inclined, move.

NOW COME, the Australians, mostly weedy and tucked-up animals, but one or two splendid creatures.

The full, intelligent eye, the fine coat, the springing poise, the clean fetlock, the lean head, the sparse-haired tail—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she stands, splendidly built.

She turns a kind and docile eye upon her pink-faced, waiting owner; he slaps her shining neck; she noses round his well-knit form. Pals evidently! He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, backing or fretful wincing. Both in eager and willing anticipation of whatever the day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily breathing, with out-stretched neck enjoy relief of freedom from the pressing bit. Riders dismount, and these too are perhaps a trifle blown, but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective rubs-down; baths, corn, eggs-and-bacon, oatmeal-water and coffee, and make my way to my own.

ALL MAGIC has now disappeared from the hill. Glaring light on barren rock; arising dust. Wanchai reeks—and breakfast waits.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"



# DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN DEFENCE SERVICE

LONDON, Mar. 27.  
THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's pre-occupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant.

The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 365 days a year.

EMPIRE SECURITY  
Britain feels, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Air Force and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attack from the Axis powers.

Australia and New Zealand, although remote from Japan, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—United Press.

## I ASKED MUSSOLINI QUESTIONS...

(Continued from Page 6.)

Q. Suppose you come to blows with France. Have you the resources and raw materials in Italy to wage a war?

A. "We have no great natural resources." (p.216.)  
"A country like ours, which has no rich resources in the earth, which has a half of its area represented by mountains, cannot have great economic possibilities." (p.224.)

Q. Are we right to think that your bellicose statements are sometimes bluff, then, and that your actions will, in a real pinch, be governed by economic considerations?

A. "Before me always in my foreign policy is the economic aspect of international problems."  
"It amuses me to be called an anti-pacifist in light of our record of treaty making for peace and for smooth international dealing." (p.206.)

"I consider the corner-stone of all governmental policies is a wise and strong financial policy." (p.216.)

Q. What is your own opinion of war?

A. "War—that female of dreams and fascinations." (p.28.)

"I write of the great war from two points of view—the politics of the world and the reality of the trenches, where I have been and have learned the torture of pain." (p.34.)

"What we suffered the first months—cold, rain, mud, hunger! They did not succeed in dampening in the slightest degree my enthusiasm and my conviction as to the necessity and the inevitability of war." (p.46.)

"I had been the most tenacious believer in the war. I had fought with all my warm soul of Italian and soldier. I lived the joy of victory... Until the time when a nation has the right of sitting with proud head among other nations the surest sign of its nobility, the vital food needed to reach greatness will always be given by those who have shed their blood and laid down their lives for their immortal country."  
"These are the marks that the war made upon one's body, one's

## Enough Bovril For Any Emergency

Chairman's Revolution  
At Annual Meeting

Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd., held in London, recently, the Lord Luke, K.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually giving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got stocks to get what was available in the shops.

BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES  
In September last year, Bovril Ltd. and its associates had in England about two years' normal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would see to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually today the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

The Company would endeavour to see to it that the supplies of Bovril for ordinary everyday use as a beverage, for cooking, and for use in illness or convalescence, were sufficient, and they would actually be helped in this if people who could afford to lay in supplies laid them in of course, without waiting for an emergency to arise.

INCREASED BOVRIL EXPORTS  
In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year.

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-Chairman), said: "The world was a terrible state, morally, financially and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, it was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world."

## Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

London, Mar. 27.  
On the occasion of the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1840, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2½d denominations.

Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter Special.

mind, and one's soul.

"Above all, it gave to one who was still young an understanding of the essence of mankind." (p.55.)

From Benito Mussolini's "My Autobiography," published by Hutchinson in 1928.

## TRADE WAR IN EUROPE Rumania Informs Britain Of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 27.  
IN A STATEMENT in the House of Commons on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Rumanian Government had informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement contained no political clause, and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade, and the promotion of better relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

BRITISH MISSION GOING  
In this connection, the Premier mentioned the recent decision to despatch a British Commercial Mission.

"The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that is our intention," declared the Premier. Rumania's agreement with Germany was at the nature of a comprehensive programme. Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its precise effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.  
It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones, particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry and mining.—Reuter.

## NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27.  
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retributive economic measures against Germany.  
Mr. Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German broadcasts from this country in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

## NO MEMEL PROTEST

Replying to another question, Mr. Butler stated that His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.  
He asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to greatly enlarge the British army. Sir Victor Warrender said that the requirements in the present situation were under consideration.  
Mr. Chamberlain gave a similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—Reuter.

RUMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED  
Bucharest, Mar. 27.  
A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Cullnesco, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.  
When mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafentiu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened. He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Ciesky's speech of March 23. He said that Rumania was not frightened by Ciesky, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S POLICY

London, Mar. 27.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain renounced the Munich Chamberlain and shied away at the Labour Party's suggestions that Britain should join the United States in economic retaliation against the "disturbances of peace," to which suggestion he made no reply.  
However, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler said the Government was unable to consider such a move because the United States offer of co-operation in economic activities of the League of Nations did not include such action.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Labour member Mr. Sorensen, that it would not "serve any useful purpose" for him to make contact again with her personally.

He said that Rumania had assured Britain that the German trade agreement did not contain any political clause.

Mr. Butler said the Government had not considered the possibility of an economic boycott of Germany. He also said they had not protested the occupation of Memel.  
Meanwhile European tension has slackened notably on account of the moderate tone of Mussolini's speech although an undertone of apprehension continues on account of the obscurity of Hitler's intentions.—United Press.

## TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27.

THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED Chinese language newspapers are waging a violent anti-British campaign, such slogans as "Destroy the British Flag," "Boycott British Goods," "Confiscate British Property," and "Drive Out All Britons" being splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to the employees of British, including the Consulates, to leave their posts.—Reuter.

## ATTEMPT TO END

CHUNGKING, Mar. 27.  
The "New China Daily," the Communist organ here, editorially reviews the latest anti-British move which is being carried out by the Japanese in the occupied zones in China.

It says the move includes the retrocession of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the Kowloon leased territory, the return of Hong-kong to China, the boycott of British goods, prohibition of British shipping and the abolition of all British interests and privileges in China.

The immediate goal of the Japanese anti-British movement is the destruction of Sino-British friendship, thus cutting British assistance to China.  
The eventual objective, the editorial says, will be a Japanese movement to wrest British rights and interests in the Far East into Japanese hands.

## TIE-UP WITH EUROPE

Primarily, it adds, the movement has nothing to do with the Chinese masses, though the Japanese have encouraged the puppets in Peiping and Nanking to lead anti-British campaigns.

The "New China Daily" said the Japanese movement is also echoing the anti-Democratic war cries in Europe, trying to support the Berlin-Rome axis.  
After the occupation of Hainan island and the bombing of the border villages of Kowloon, the Japanese are proceeding with the campaign for the return of the British concessions to China.

The paper asserts that the killing of the British missionary at Ping-kiang, the bombing of the British mission at Chengchow and the kidnapping of Mr. Dyott in Tientsin are all Japanese acts in accordance with the Japanese slogan "Punishments of British."

Now it is time, the paper concludes, for British authorities to "replace their ink and paper protests with actual action against Japan."

## "CRUSH HONGKONG"

"Japan should have crushed Hong-kong with the mailed fist."

This was the theme of a speech made to the Japanese community in Shanghai by a visiting politician from Tokyo, Seigo Nakano, head of the Tohoikai party of right-wing Agrarianists in the Japanese Diet.  
Nakano vehemently advocated the use of force by Japan to prevent British ships supplying arms and munitions to China, and then, referring to crushing Hongkong, he said:

"The object of the Japanese campaign in China is not only China, but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."—United Press.

## Anglo-Russian Trade Parleys

Moscow, Mar. 27.  
A communiqué issued after Mr. R. S. Hudson's talks with Soviet officials, states that the foundation laid for trade negotiations will be continued in London.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact has been established for co-operation in international affairs.—Reuter.

## U.S. Appropriations For Army

Washington, Mar. 27.  
The Senate to-day passed the \$513,000,000 army appropriation Bill which now returns to the House for action on the amendments.  
It is also stated that President Roosevelt has asked Congress for additional funds, totalling over \$14,250,000 for the navy for the purchase of further aeroplanes during the fiscal year of 1940.—Reuter.

## DEATH IN MILITARY HOSPITAL

The death has occurred at the Military Hospital of Mr. Charles Read, a civilian employee in the R.A.O.C. Depot. He leaves a widow and three children. The funeral passes the Monument at 3.30 p.m.

## Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?  
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English, Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

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# RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES

## COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Hold up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair showing in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleying duels, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight, but a great weakness of theirs was to win a splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahns were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

In each set, the winners led by 5-2.

### OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were outclassed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over to his erstwhile doubles partner.

A. Crawford's game was too sound all round for Peter U, whose inexperience left loop-holes for the Kowloon C.C. player to break through. Crawford won the first set to love before the Chinese could settle down. There was a more even battle in the second set, but Crawford also won this after ten games.

J. M. Tomlinson advanced into the second round of the competition by beating Lim Kwai in straight sets.

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The stand court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the

### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

#### Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U 6-0, 6-4.

J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.

Ho Ka-lau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

#### Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.

Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title, and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme: Open Doubles—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (stand court); Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal.

Handicap Singles—H. J. Armstrong v. R. M. M. King; H. D. Bidwell v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Doubles—F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Mixed Doubles—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wallden v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beavan v. T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig.



I.M.A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the Rumjahn cousins yesterday in the quarter-final of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets.—Staff Photographer.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese won the Lai Wai Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilian by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have not only a great opportunity of winning the League but the Shield as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League a fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese in the final. I am sure the Portuguese players will not feel offended if one were to say that the Chinese are expected to win. The Kowloon Cup too may go to the Chinese, who on present form seem an immeasurably better team than either the Navy or the Army.

### Ahead Of Schedule

NOT due to arrive here until Friday, the Straits Chinese football tourists, who have been paying a visit to Manila, took most people by surprise yesterday by arriving in Hongkong by the Boeing Clipper. The reason for their sudden departure from Manila was that the China Clipper, by which they had booked to travel from Manila to Hongkong, had been delayed, and instead of leaving Manila on March 31, she was not due to leave until April 2. The arrangements made with the South China A.A. were that the Straits team would play matches in Hongkong on April 1, 2 and 5, and thus if the visitors waited for the China Clipper, they would have to miss two matches here. Rather than do that—they have to be back in Singapore on April 13 at the latest and so cannot remain in Hongkong later than April 6 or 7—they decided to cancel two matches in Manila. The decision to catch the Boeing Clipper, which left Manila yesterday morning, was a last-minute one. The Straits team played a match on Sunday night and arrangements for their departure were completed after the game. Mr. John Then, player-manager-coach of the visiting side, told me yesterday that his boys were very keen to play in Hongkong, and did not like to miss coming here. They play good soccer, these Straits lads, and should be popular with local enthusiasts. Their record of four wins and one defeat against the best teams of Manila is perhaps sufficient testimony of their quality.

### F.A. Cup Final

SO Wolves and Portsmouth are to meet at Wembley for the F.A. Cup final. The Wolves won last season's final, but Portsmouth only just got through by the odd goal in three in their tie with Huddersfield. The meeting of the two teams at Wembley had been expected immediately after the semi-final draw had been announced, and so it has turned out. The final may be described as the "grand final" as Portsmouth have recently followed the example of Wolverhampton and gone in for gland treatment for their players. The Portsmouth lads must be convinced now that there is something in a treatment which once aroused the ridicule of the

country. Weeks ago when they were under the relegation shadow—they still are, as a matter of fact—Portsmouth players said "Hang the League! We'll get away from the bottom of the table all right, and you'll see us at Wembley." The latter part has been fulfilled, and the team is now fourth from the bottom—not yet out of danger, but the confidence is there.

### Wolves' Task

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers, the team of the year, have a great chance to equal a 42-year-old record. Not since 1896-97 has a club won the league championship and the F.A. Cup in the same season. There is no reason why Wolverhampton who last won the Cup 31 years ago, should not emulate Aston Villa's feat this season. They have been the only team to run true to form in the F.A. Cup up to date, and have a great chance of beating Portsmouth in the final. In the League, the Wolves at the moment are three points behind Everton, who will doubtless strain every nerve to hold their present advantage now that they have lost all interest in the Cup. Arsenal and Huddersfield, in the great years, found the double too elusive for them, but the Wolves are in the happy position of being able to call upon an apparently never-ending stream of youngsters to fill first-team vacancies. Young Mullen is a notable example. Unknown to his usual League match, he was, at the age of 18, pitched into an important League match. Now he has played several times, including the cup-tie against Everton. He made history by being the youngest player ever to have taken part in an F.A. cup-tie.

### Bowls In Shanghai

LAWN Bowls League competition in Shanghai during the coming season is almost certain to revert to the time-honoured basis of two divisions with teams comprising three rinks each. Owing to the usual circumstances that prevailed last year, it was found necessary to conduct only one division while teams consisted of four rinks each. The feeling is now prevalent in most clubs, however, and especially among those whose playing material is limited, that three rinks would be a more practical form of competition. Clubs whose numerical superiority permits them to employ additional rinks, will be entitled to enter more than one team in each division. No decision has yet been made, but judging from the sentiments echoed at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai L.B.A., held last week, the old basis of two divisions with teams of three rinks each will be adopted.

### Sports Magazine

THE second issue of Sportsman, the new weekly sports magazine, was published yesterday. Well-printed on good paper, the new number contains articles on tennis, football, cricket, golf and boxing and other material of interest to all sportsmen. The magazine is sold for ten cents a copy.

### Drawn Match In Rugby League

London, Mar. 27. In the Rugby League, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone played a drawn game to-day, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

### Local Cycling

## H. A. G. KEATES SUCCEEDS IN RECORD ATTEMPT

Two record attempts were made by members of the Hongkong Cycling Club during the week-end. On March 25, K. H. McDowell unsuccessfully attempted to establish new figures from 55 to 100 miles, whilst on March 26, H. A. G. Keates lowered G. Cottrell's 3½ months' old 51 miles Tourist record on the Kowloon Circuit by 15 mins. 6 secs. Both riders contended with unfavourable weather in the shape of cold and strong wind, McDowell also suffering heavy rain.

McDowell made a good start and returned 14 mins. 28 secs. at 5 miles, then slowed to clock 29.49, at the 10 miles check. He decided to retire, however, on reaching the 15 miles point in 44 mins. 27 secs., and intends making a further attempt in the near future.

Keates was started from the Alhambra Theatre at 8.42 a.m. for his successful ride. A slow start was made over the hilly section to Taiipo, only 15½ miles being covered in the first hour. In two hours, 33½ miles had been covered, a strong following wind over the Fanling-Taiipo section being responsible for the increase to 38½ miles in the second hour. The third hour produced 15½ miles, the remaining 4¾ miles taking up 18 mins. 39 secs. A gear of 74" was used, and no mechanical trouble experienced.

Times taken at the 5-miles' points were as follows, the section time being given in brackets.—5 miles—20.18; 10 miles—39.44. (19.26); 15 miles—57.22. (17.38); 20 miles—1.14.00. (16.38); 25 miles—1.30.41. (16.41); 30 miles—1.47.36. (16.55); 35 miles—2.04.30. (17.03); 40 miles—2.22.10. (17.37); 45 miles—2.40.03. (17.47); 50 miles—3.01.13. (21.10); 54 miles—3.18.39. (17.16).

No social activities were promoted by the Club during the past week. This week's programme includes, however, a 2-hours' training spin on Wednesday, March 29, from the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wan-chai, at 6 p.m. sharp, and on Sunday next a social run which will leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. for Shatin, via Fanling.

Thirteen riders have been invited and handicapped for the 50 miles event over the Kowloon Circuit on April 10. Full details will be announced later.

## Badminton To Have Its Davis Cup

By Ulysses Rogers

London, Mar. 2. The Davis Cup in lawn tennis is to have its badminton counterpart. It will be fought for by the seventeen nations incorporated in the Badminton Federation.

Famous badminton, tennis and chess player Sir George Thomas, a vice-president of the English Badminton Association, told me that the offer of a cup had been made.

He did not say who was the donor. It is Sir George himself. The trophy will probably be called the Thomas Cup.

There are 1,325 clubs in the association, sixty-five more than last year. These are affiliated. Their members muster 40,000. In some counties only 10 per cent. of the clubs are affiliated.

International tours, as in tennis, will soon be the order of the day. A team of four men and two women are to make a six months' tour to Australia, stopping at Malaya, and Canada on the return trip.

## Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Matfield Stead)

London.

When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

About six months ago the governing body of track and field athletics in England was prompted by the Grants Committee of the National Fitness Council an allotment of money sufficient to pay for three years 75 per cent of the salaries of three national coaches. And presumably the coach selected to go to the United States, if any, would be one of these gentlemen. They have yet to be appointed.

Although the coach in British athletics is nothing like the dominating, authoritative figure that he is in America, there are some very highly-thought-of trainers here at the present time. Such as "Bill" Thomas, coach at Oxford University and trainer of Jack Lovelock, celebrated New Zealand miler; Alec Nelson, coach at Cambridge University and the man responsible in no small measure for the successes of those great Light Blue Olympic victors, Lord Burghley, Douglas Lowe, Robert Tisdall, Albert G. Hill, who advised the famous Sydney Wooderson—Hill is now acting as coach to the London Athletic Club, Polytechnic Harriers and Blackheath Harriers—and Franz Stamp, an Austrian who came to Britain in the summer of 1937 to study the technique of Britain's middle distance runners and remained to become an instructor in great demand.

### NO. 1 COACH

Stamp, you can describe as Field Events Coach No. 1 in Britain. He is teaching the jumpers and throwers at both Oxford and Cambridge, where preparations are intensifying for the annual inter-varsity sports at the White City Stadium, March 18; he is conducting classes of the City of London School, under the aegis of the Southern Committee of the Amateur Athletic Association; and he has two engagements a week with the South London Harriers, one at their indoor school at Greenwich and the other at their cross-country headquarters at Coulsdon, Surrey. He has also been a coach at Loughborough College, of which my friend, Capt. F. A. M. Webster, is the Athletics "head," is in use, an establishment that has produced coaches, games masters, physical training leaders, and welfare supervisors.

The 1939 British track and field season will get going in May and, owing to the visit of 10 star athletes to the U.S.A., the Amateur Athletic Association's annual championships have been brought forward a week—to July 6 and 7. Of recent years

## To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Talkoo in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hul and Miss Ullian Khoo, the holders, and K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreo, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

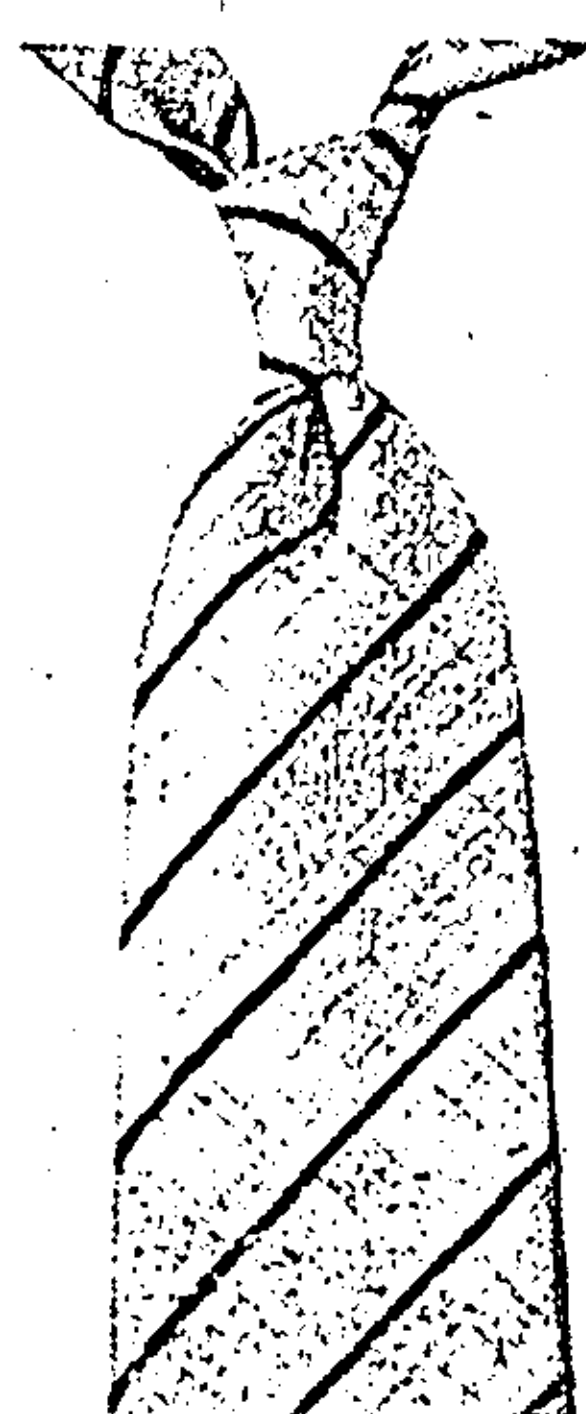
## NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

Dublin, Mar. 27. A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived to-day in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

athletes have become very much more popular as a spectacle than formerly. And nowadays a big meeting always means a big crowd.



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# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

### Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's spoon, and pool ball shoot.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley Rules, giving those members not familiar with Bisley conditions a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

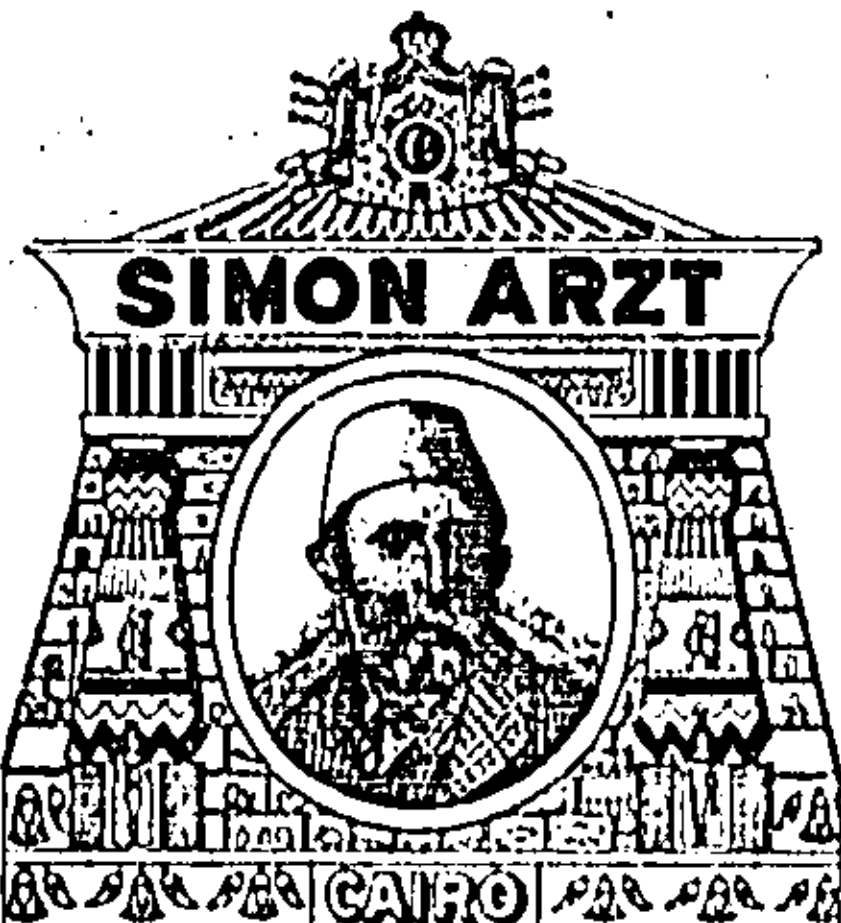
The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The troops of Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieut. Otway and Russell, of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool ball and the latter, who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 88 with S.R. (a) Rifle. The Troopship is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Bright, S.R. (a), with two scores of 33 failed at 600 yards, scoring only 17 thus spoiling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Leading scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follows:

| S.R. (b)                         | 200 | 500 | 600 | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Sgt. G. Roberts (5)              | 32  | 32  | 32  | 96    |
| Lt. A. J. Le Secluer (Ser.)      | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| Sgt. P. Hale (Ser.)              | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| Sub. Lt. B. J. B. Morahan (Ser.) | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| 2/Lt. G. C. Dawson (5)           | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| Surg/Lt. J. B. Mackie (Ser.)     | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| Sgt. V. Cooper (Ser.)            | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |
| Sgt. K. C. Wong (5)              | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93    |



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Mr. Sit Kwok-Seen

B.C. Mr. Sit has the title role of the play and gives a very fine impersonation of the maiden, whose idyll with the King of Wu changed the destiny of an empire.

Lyrics and songs for the production have been written by Mr. Chi-fan Fong, and the costumes and settings have been arranged by experts.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) wigly-gomagog-gullibility mezzanine-heritable-floriferous



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A general view of the scene at the Royal Albert Hall during the start of the English Table Tennis Championships recently. Many continental players took part in the tournament.

### England Team To Play Scotland

The English football team to oppose Scotland at Hampton Park on April 15 will be as follows:

Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton); Hapgood (Arsenal); Capt. Willingham (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolverhampton); Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke); G. Hall (Tottenham); Lawton (Everton); Goulden (Manchester City) and Brook (Manchester City).—Reuter.

### LAID-TO-REST

#### Funeral of Mr. Ricardo Maria Xavier

The popularity of the late Mr. Ricardo Maria Xavier, who died of typhoid on Sunday at the early age of 22, was testified by the large number of relatives and friends who attended his funeral at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. Fr. L. Rossi conducted the service, and besides the bereaved parents, brother and sisters, there were present Rev. Bro. Cassian and Messrs. B. Xavier, A. E. Xavier, P. Xavier, S. Sequeira, G. Souza, C. A. Cunha, A. Rodrigues, J. C. Remedios, A. Remedios, J. Soares, C. Sequeira, N. Silva, L. Remedios, R. Silva, A. Jorge, A. Barros, F. Santos, C. Santos, L. Osborne, A. Souza, L. V. Antonio, A. Cruz, G. Cruz, A. Azedo, H. Silva, L. Sequeira, S. Rosario, H. Remedios, R. Reed and many others.

A wreath from "Father, Mother, Sister and Brother" was buried with the casket. Other floral tributes were from Annie and Polly, Della and Riggle, Nono and Carlos, Patricia and Lily, Enelias, Pedro, Amalia and children, Miss Leung and C. Lyson, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Butt, Laura Hyndman, Mrs. M. S. Rosario and family, E. V. M. R. de Souza, S. Yusuf, the Portuguese Companies of the H. K. V. D. C. Patawan Hat Shop, Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., European Staff of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., and the Nomads Hockey Club.

### AIR SERVICES

#### Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

**Outward**

For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 29. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 31. For U.S.A., via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Boeing Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 29.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France, via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 1.

**Inward**

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 29. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 1.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin, C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Martin Clipper 12.30 p.m. From France, via Hanol: Air France 1 p.m. March 27.

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE DECIDED

### La Salle College Athletic Meet

Additional events in connection with the La Salle College annual athletic meeting were run off yesterday. The following were the results:

200 Metres (Midget).—1, A. Ruyters; 2, Wong Kong-yuet; 3, E. Tavaras.

Inter-Class Relay (Senior).—1, Commercial; 2, B; 3, 2A.

Inter-Class Relay (Junior).—1, 2A; 2, Matric; 3, 3A.

Inter-Class Relay (Midget).—1, 5A; 2, 6A; 3, 4B.

Boards' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gotsche; 2, A. Tan; 3, A. Oliveira.

Boards' Race (Midget Handicap).—1, A. Ruyters; 2, J. Matute; 3, L. Chua.

Cubs' Race.—1, L. Matute; 2, E. Sanz.

1,500 Metres (Challenge Cup presented by the Wing On Co.).—1, A. Sequeira; 2, P. Jorge; 3, L. Silva.

Time—5 mins. 18.25 secs. (Record).

Tug of War (Inter-Class Junior).—Won by 3A.

Tug of War (Inter-Class Senior).—Won by Matric.

Senior Individual Champion.—Ronald Chua.

Junior Individual Champion.—A. Mackenzie.

Midget Individual Champion.—A. Ruyters.

Inter-Class Champions.—2A. Runners-up, Commercial.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

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|                 | Opening | Closing |
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| July            | 7.94/94 | 7.90/90 |
| Oct.            | 7.50/50 | 7.50/50 |
| Dec.            | 7.53/53 | 7.54 N  |
| Jan.            | 7.52/52 | 7.54/54 |
| Mar.            | 7.57/57 | 7.55/55 |
| Spot            |         | 8.02 N  |

| New York Rubber |           |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
|                 | Opening   | Closing    |
| Mar.            | 10.07/08a | 10.14 N    |
| May             | 10.18/18  | 10.13b/13a |
| Sept.           | 10.18/18  | 10.13b/13a |
| Dec.            | 10.18/18  | 10.13b/13a |

| Chicago Wheat |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|               | Opening       | Closing       |
| May           | 67 1/2/67 3/4 | 67 1/2/67 3/4 |
| July          | 67 1/2/67 3/4 | 67 1/2/67 3/4 |
| Sept.         | 67 1/2/67 3/4 | 67 1/2/67 3/4 |

| Chicago Corn |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | Opening       | Closing       |
| May          | 47 1/2/47 3/4 | 47 1/2/47 3/4 |
| July         | 47 1/2/47 3/4 | 47 1/2/47 3/4 |
| Sept.        | 47 1/2/47 3/4 | 47 1/2/47 3/4 |

| Winnipeg Wheat |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                | Opening       | Closing       |
| May            | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | 60 1/2/60 3/4 |
| July           | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | 60 1/2/60 3/4 |
| Oct.           | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | 60 1/2/60 3/4 |

### Hockey Club Side To Play Navy

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Navy on the Club ground on Friday, March 31, at 5 p.m.:

V. M. Benwell; F. H. Stokes, V. C. Bond; H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.), W. A. Reed; P. Austin; S. A. Fowler, A. H. Pontus; E. F. A. Morgan, N. B. Whitley and R. A. Bates.

Unless it is raining very much this game will be played. All team enquiries should be addressed to H. J. D. Lowe, c/o I.C.I. Hongkong.

### YACHTING—RESULT

#### Championship Race Won By Artemis Yesterday

The following were the results of the Championship Race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 8.8 miles:

| Mixed Classes             | Finished | Corrd. Pos. |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Artemis                   | 10.29.20 | 1           |
| (Miss M. Whitlam)         |          |             |
| Jean                      | 10.32.07 | 2           |
| (Mrs. E. G. G. G. G.)     |          |             |
| Killwake                  | 10.32.23 | 3           |
| (Miss P. M. King)         |          |             |
| Widgeon                   | 10.33.21 | 4           |
| (Miss H. Crayhall Wilson) |          |             |
| Redshank                  | 10.36.03 | 5           |
| (Mrs. M. N. Luce)         |          |             |
| Sweepstake Race           |          |             |
| La Linda                  | 16.41.28 | 1           |
| (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)    |          |             |
| Guri                      | 16.43.06 | 2           |
| (Miss L. Heiberg)         |          |             |
| Isobel                    | 16.44.03 | 3           |
| (Mrs. F. M. Morris)       |          |             |
| Kouli                     | 16.45.15 | 4           |
| (Miss M. Corrigan)        |          |             |

### BOGEY (PAR) POOL

F. D. Hunter (1), all square, won the Bogey (Par) Pool played at Fanning over the week-end. There were twenty entries.

### SPORT ADVTS

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1939.

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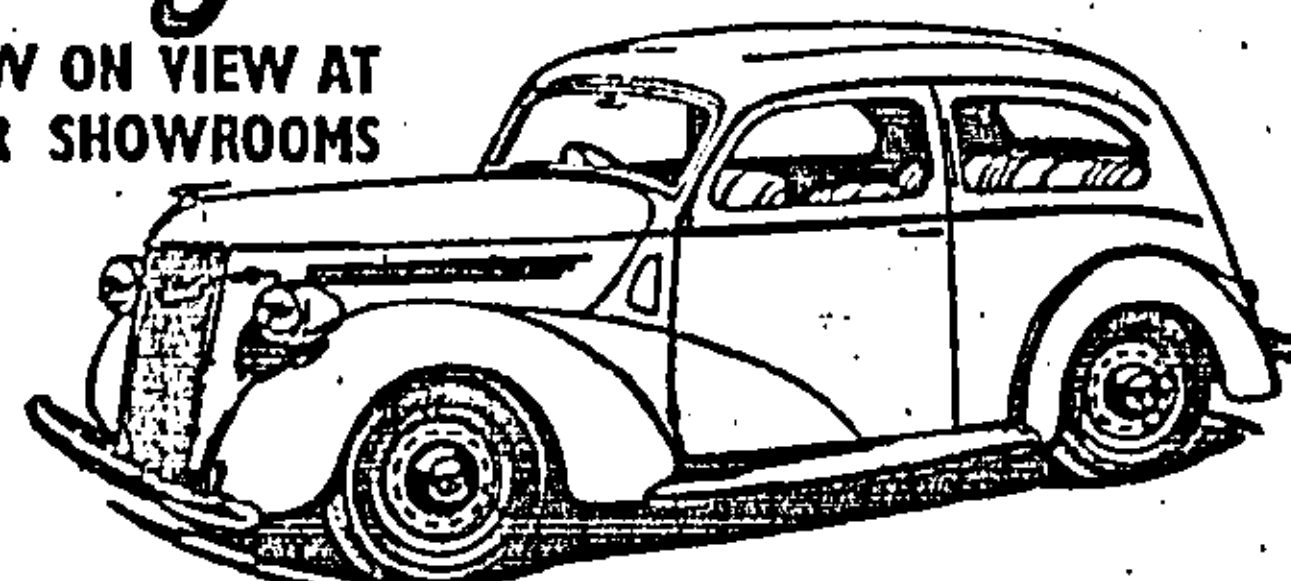
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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.  
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to depict the dress of the women in his plays. He says: "I abhor bustles, improvements, tight-lacing and all such abominations, and think that women's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure."

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only dressed once, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco News Letter:—(Chinamen and Britishers seem to be running a race for unpopularity just at present, with the chances of the largest measure of success being in favour of the Britishers.) The terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, on being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves glued fast to the seats with the new varnish that had not quite dried. Never before was the church so absolutely united, and never one so harmonious in purpose. A frantic cry resulted in success; but there was not a whole coat or dress in the congregation. Silk and broadcloth unholstered every seat, and the horrified people rushed into the streets holding their hands over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The Impertinence has been on the other side of the island that week, practising her guns and torpedoes. She caused great consternation amongst the villagers at Aberdeen and Stanley when she fired up her torpedoes—putting them thought she was fishing, and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen, bewailing the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,000,000,000. Russia comes next with £500,000,000, then England with £200,000,000, Austria-Hungary with £100,000,000, Italy with £50,000,000, Spain with £30,000,000, and Prussia with £20,000,000.

(Compare these with the present day.) France owes £80,000,000; Russia owes £1,425,074,000, what she will probably never pay; Britain owes £1,184,000,000, and is borrowing another £500,000,000. (As much again as the total debt 50 years ago.) Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy owes £1,184,000,000; Spain owes £180,000,000. Before the Civil War, and Germany owes £20,450,000.—Ed.)

25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1914.

### ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

#### More Party Heat in the Commons FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain characterised Colonel Seely's resignation as a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely has prepared the paragraph for the Government newspaper, in consultation with Lord Morley. If these Ministers remained, then the paper which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was cheered upon rising, interrupted, and repudiated Mr. Chamberlain's "insult." He said that Lord Morley had never revised nor examined the two paragraphs which had been referred to. He mentioned that the last question which was ordered to be laid on the 11th inst. would remain there during the crisis, and went on to declare that the great issue of the Army versus Parliament and the People had been raised, and every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical or a worker.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curragh state that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterate their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

Field Marshal Sir John French has resigned.

10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.

The War Office announces that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated in the course of next month. Major-General A. E. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return home and the combined Command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has just taken over the South China Command from Major-General C. G. Luard. Major-General Sandilands will remain at Hongkong with an augmented Staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded as at present by Brigadier-General O. C. Barrett, who has been in command of the 14th Infantry Brigade, Shanghai, since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding North China, since 1926.

The carelessness of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette-end among a pile of inflammable decorating materials is believed to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the great new German liner Europa in the Blohm and Voss shipyard.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring war in Wuhan accuses Marshal Li Chai-sun, General Li Chung-yun and General Pei Chung-hai of conspiracy against the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment to come is causing deep concern to friends of Marshal Li Chai-sun, who is a prisoner at Nanking. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left for Kiating to direct operations. Already 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Ping-hsiao and Changsha, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Wuchang.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

5 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1934.

Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conversation continued round the question of what further guarantees France would require in order to modify her attitude towards the British draft. Discussions for tightening up British commitments may follow.

This is interpreted as Britain's final effort to secure a settlement in Europe, although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

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They are arranged in alphabetical order so that you can cut them out to paste in a note-book or hang them up for quick reference.

**ALABASTER** light fittings can be cleaned with a cloth soaked in turpentine, then polished with wax floor polish or furniture cream. This produces a glossy surface.

**BRASS** ornaments. If badly tarnished, first clean with a cut lemon dipped in coarse salt. Rinse, dry and polish with metal polish. Clean off the old lacquer from shabby lacquered brass bedstead with a mixture of turpentine and powdered bath-brick, clean with metal polish, then give a new coat of lacquer.

**CARPETS** which cannot be taken up should be thoroughly cleaned with the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

Cover oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and water, leave to dry, then brush out. **DISTEMPERED** walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable paint can then be cleaned with warm water. Wring cloth fairly dry, work from skirting upwards and pat to prevent streaks.

**EIDERDOWNS**, to dry clean. Brush thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the eiderdown on top. Roll up loosely in the paper, put away in a cool, dry place for two or three days, then brush free of starch.

**FLOORS**. To whiten plain wooden floors, add two tablespoonfuls of glycerine to the pail of scrubbing water. If you are re-staining floors, remove old stain first with a special stain remover.

Composition floors in kitchen or bathroom can be cleaned with turpentine and steel wool. Leave to dry, then wax polish. Clogged polish or stains on woodblock floors can also be removed with steel wool. Dust well before repolishing.

**GLASS**. Put a little washing blue in the rinsing water, and polish with a leather or pad of tissue paper. The blue produces a lovely sparkle. Clean frosted glass with a handful of Epsom-salt in warm water. Rub dry with a cloth or leather.

**HEARTHES**. Clean tiled hearths or surrounds with a cut lemon, then polish with wax floor polish. Loose tiles in hearth or curb can be re-fixed with fire cement.

**IVORY** or composition piano keys. Wipe with a mixture of lemon juice and whitening. Rub on care-fully, leave to dry, then brush off. Slightly soiled ivory can be cleaned with methylated spirit or eau-de-cologne sprinkled on a soft cloth.

**JEWELLERY**. To restore the lustre of pearls, real or imitation, bury in powdered magnesia for a few hours.

Gold is put in a cup of warm water with a few drops of ammonia added, then polished with jeweller's rouge and turquoises, can be cleaned with sal volatile.

**KITCHEN** tables, to whiten. Scrub with a mixture of 1 lb. soft soap, 1 lb. silver sand and six tablespoonfuls of lime. Rinse well with hot water when clean.

**LINOLEUM**. Clean first with turpentine, wash with soapy water, then rub over with boiled starch. When dry, polish with wax floor polish.

Worn linoleum can be re-surfaced with a liquid preparation. There is also a transparent grade for reviving patterned linoleums.

**MARBLE**. Black shoe polish gives a glossy finish to black marble man-

tel-pieces and clocks. Use sparingly and polish with a soft duster.

**NET** curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colour, mix a teaspoonful of cold water, strain through muslin and add to starch or last rinsing water.

**OXIDISED** bronze or silver. Clean with a cloth soaked in linseed oil or olive oil or with vasoline. After-wards polish with furniture cream.

**TAINT**. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in whitening, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to warm, soapy water for glossy paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream. Grained and varnished woodwork can be cleaned with a cloth soaked with linseed oil, then polished.

**QUANTITIES** can be fairly accurately measured if you remember that the average pail holds two gallons of water, and that one tablespoonful of liquid and a heaped tablespoonful of powder each equal one ounce.

**RUGS**. It is possible to wash fur and sheepskin rugs in warm soap and suds. Remove backing, squeeze out surplus water, rub with old towels and hang over the line to finish dry. They can also be dry cleaned.

With hot bran, which is rubbed well into the fur. Afterwards brush well.

**SASH CORDS**. Rub over with a damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.



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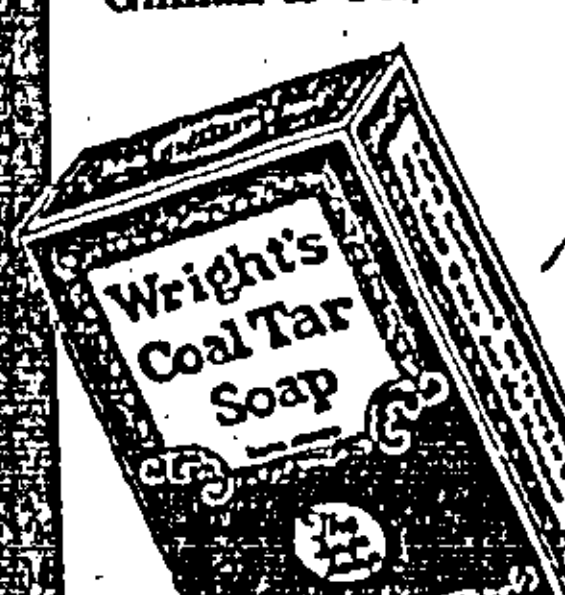
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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet, but prices remained steady. Sales were reported in Banks at \$1,380, Docks at \$17½ and Old China Lights at \$8.20.

**Buyers**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,370  
Canlon Insurance \$1,220  
Doughlases \$60  
H. K. Hotels \$34  
H. K. Electric \$33½  
Canlon Ice \$1  
Cement \$13½  
H. K. Docks \$4  
Wing On (H.K.) \$42  
Entertainments \$1  
H. K. Govt. 4½ Loan 4½ prem  
H. K. Govt. 3½ Loan par.  
Dairy Farms Rights \$15½  
**Sellers**  
Union Insurance \$475  
H. K. Lands \$35  
Watsons \$9.10  
**Sales**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,380  
Union Insurance \$472½  
H. K. Docks \$17½  
China Light (Old) \$8.20  
Dairy Farms \$1 Ex. \$9  
Dairy Farms Rights \$15½  
Antanoks \$4.41  
Benguet Consolidated \$12.50  
Cool Grove  
Consolidated Mines 203  
H. K. L. \$1  
Paracale Gunas \$17  
San Jacinto 1.33  
Suyoc 19  
United Paracale 11

## Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in ripping seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Wrinkled neckties may be freshened as follows: Cut a cardboard form to fit into the wide or outer end of the tie. Cover with a dampened cheesecloth and press with hot iron.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

## CROWN FOR HITLER Ancient South Russian Relic for Birthday

A Gothic crown whose history goes back for hundreds of years, is to be presented to Herr Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, to mark his fiftieth birthday, on April 20.

This news is confirmed locally, and it is ascertained that local Germans have already forwarded their subscriptions to Berlin.

Unfortunately the history of the crown itself is not known here. All that can be learned is that it is very old and formerly belonged to a South Russian ruler. The object of the subscriptions, it is presumed, is to purchase it from the present holder.

## BRIDGE AND MAHJONG

The last Bridge and Mahjong Drive of the M.C.L. financial year was held yesterday afternoon at the Peninsula Hotel.

A large number of ladies attended, bringing up tables of Contract Bridge, Mahjong Clear Game, and Mahjong Chinese Game, and helped to make the function a complete success. Attractive prizes were on display during the afternoon, and in the evening were presented.



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| CORFU<br>*SOMALI     | 14,500<br>7,000  | 15th Apr.<br>21st Apr.    | Marseilles & London.<br>B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don.        |
| CHITRAL<br>*CARTHAGE | 15,500<br>15,000 | 20th Apr.<br>12th May     | Marseilles & London.<br>B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don.        |
| *BANGALORE           | 6,000            | 20th May                  | Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.                                   |
| RAJPUTANA<br>RANCHI  | 17,000<br>17,000 | 27th May.<br>10th June    | Bombay, Marseilles & London.<br>Bombay, Marseilles & London.  |
| *BHUTAN              | 6,000            | 17th June                 | B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don.<br>Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp. |

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## BRITISH INDIA APCAR SAILINGS (SOUTH)

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| TILAWA   | 10,000 | 22nd Apr.           | DO  |
| SANTHA   | 8,000  | 6th May             | DO  |
| TALMA    | 10,000 | 20th May            | DO  |
| SHIDHANA | 10,000 | 3rd June            | DO  |

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## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

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| NELLORE | 7,000 | 5th May          | DO   |
| TANDA   | 7,000 | 3rd June         | DO   |

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| SANTHA    | 8,000  | 13th April       | Shanghai & Japan. |
| CARTHAGE  | 15,500 | 13th April       | Shanghai & Japan. |
| RAJPUTANA | 17,000 | 27th Apr.        | Shanghai & Japan. |
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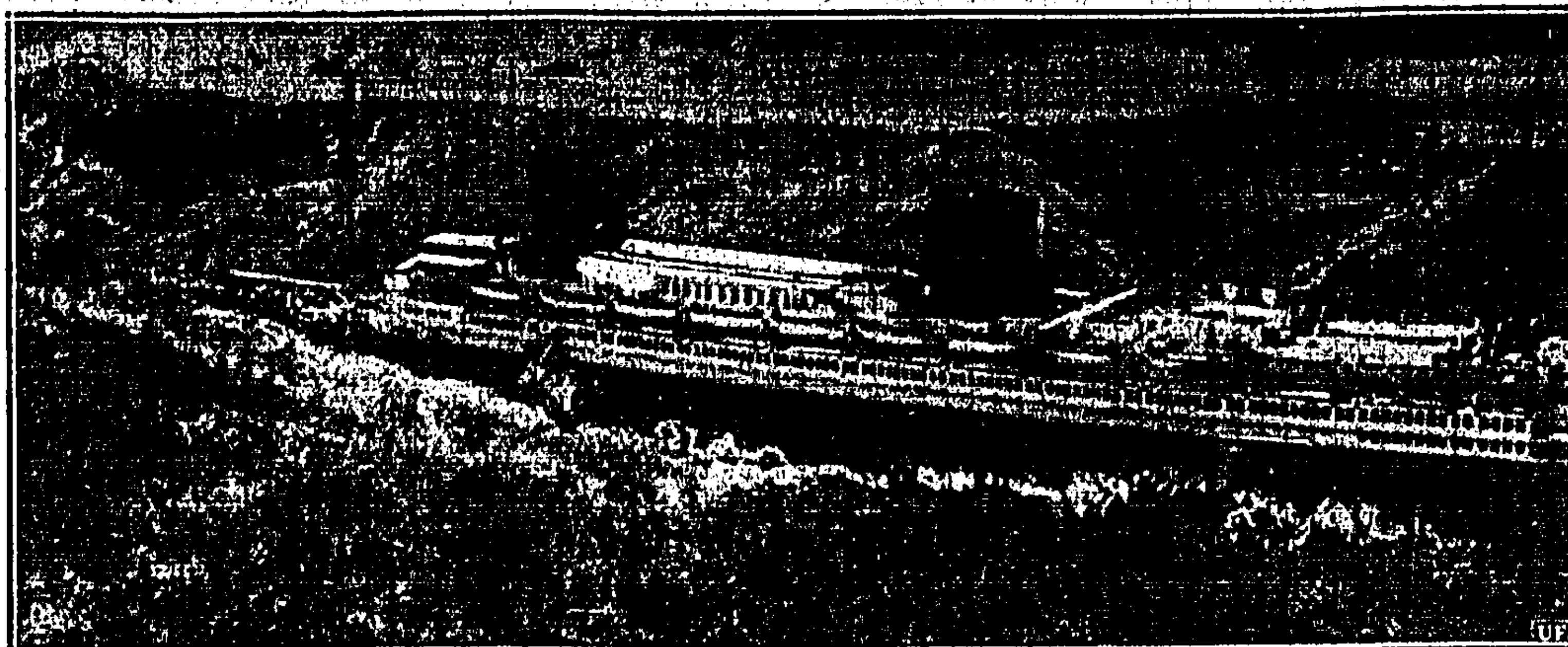
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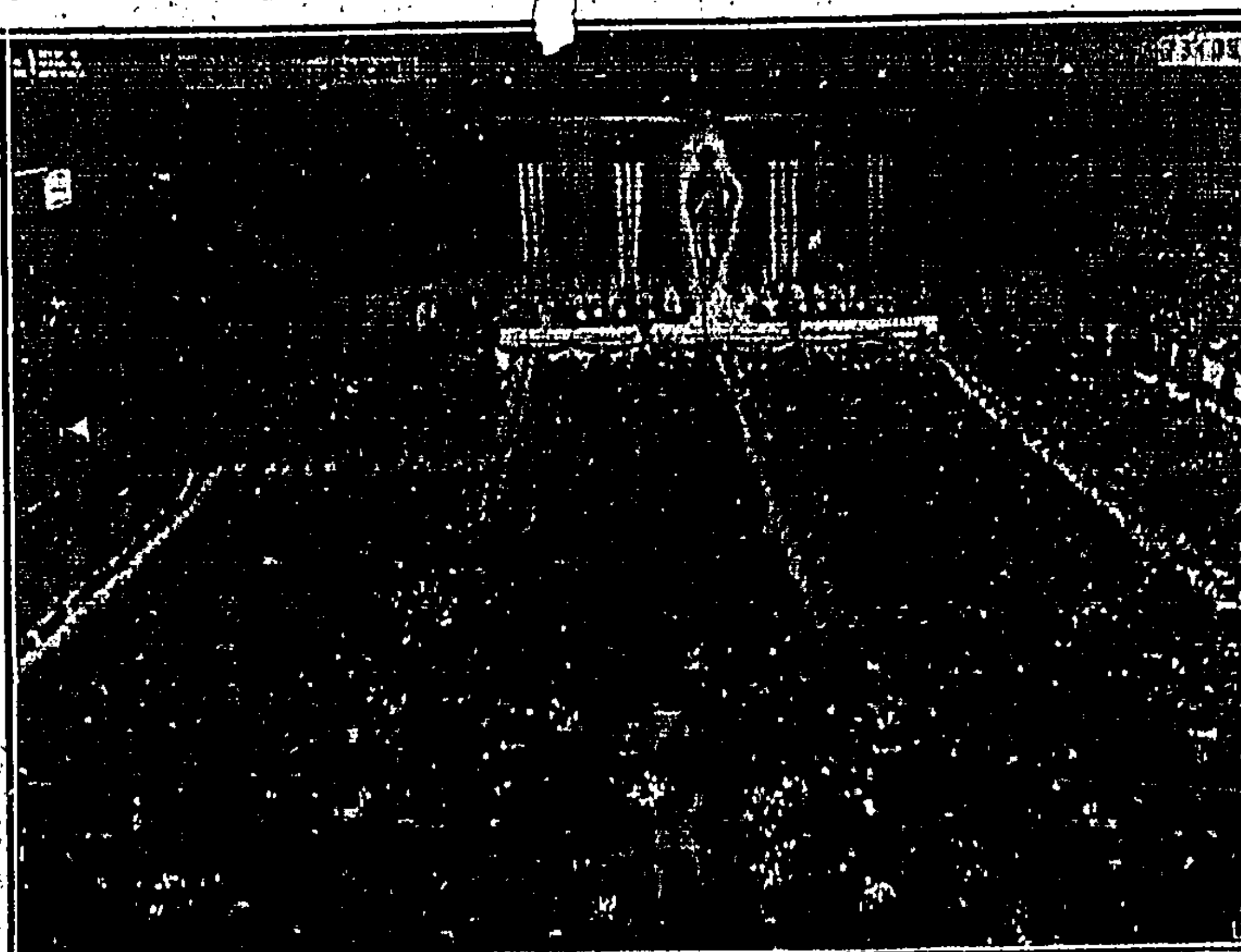
Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start, on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with trucks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Striking two-piece sun suit is shown by Mrs. Richard E. Beck of Chicago, as she strolls at the Sun and Surf Club at Palm Beach, Fla., where many society folk are vacationing.



Three days after it crashed on Long Island Sound, near Glenwood Landing, this plane owned by the Peruvian Government was raised to a barge for possible repairs and study of what caused the accident. Pilot and co-pilot, trying it for purchase of similar craft, were unhurt.



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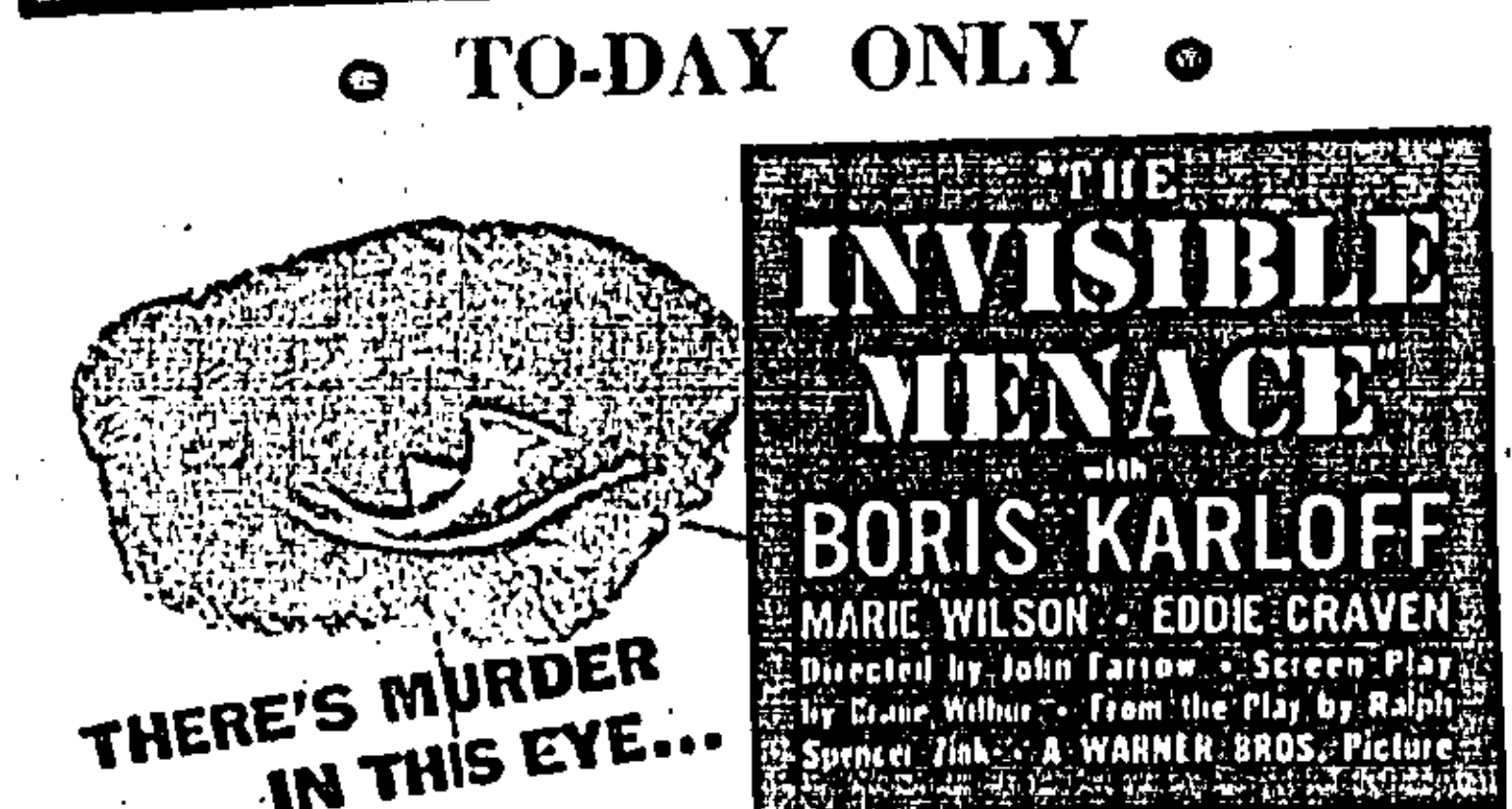
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## Palatine

### Arab Woman Arrested And Sentenced

Jerusalem, Mar. 27.  
The Chairman of the Arab women's organization in Haifa, Madame Nassar, has, according to Arab press reports, been arrested and interned in a Bethlehem concentration camp following sentence of three months' confinement passed on her under martial law without trial.  
This measure has aroused much indignation in Arab circles here, which point out that the arrested woman's husband is editor of the Arab paper Al Karim in Haifa, and that the mandatory authorities have undoubtedly intended to deal a blow at that publication.  
Arab women's organization in Jerusalem and Haifa have sent telegrams of protest to King Ibn Saud, as well as to the central committee of the Arab Women's World League in Cairo, requesting their intervention on behalf of Madame Nassar.—Trans-Ocean.

### Clipper At Azores

London, Mar. 27.  
The Yankee Clipper landed at the Azores early this afternoon on the first part of the trans-Atlantic flight. She will be on the regular trans-Atlantic route operated by Pan-Am Airways. From the Azores she will fly to Lisbon and Marseilles and then to Southampton, after which she will fly to Foyles harbour, Ireland.  
The Clipper carried 21 persons which was the largest number to cross the Atlantic in one machine.—Reuter Bulletin.

### GIANT PLANE BUILT Will Fly Non-stop to China From U.S.A.

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 22.  
A huge seaplane, whose radius of action would be such as to permit to effect a non-stop flight from Los Angeles to China and back by way of the Midway Islands, is being completed amid utmost secrecy here.  
The plane will be able to reach a speed of 580 kilometres per hour while its cruising speed for the Los Angeles-China-Los Angeles flight, a distance of over 10,000 kilometres, would be 450 kilometres per hour.  
The plane would have a wing-span of 42 metres, its total length being 22 metres.—Havas.

### LATE NEWS

### Assassination In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 28.  
A leading member of the Japanese Residents' Association, Mr. A. Maki, was shot to-day while taking a rickshaw to Yangtsepooh.  
Mr. Maki was sent to hospital, where he is lying in a critical condition.  
His assailants escaped, and no further details are available at present.—Reuter.

## MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH

### Reactions In United States

New York, Mar. 27.  
THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" warns against accepting the Duce's address as "moderate."  
It points out that Hitler's moderate address on January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia.  
"Mussolini's pronouncement leaves the whole question open and ominous. It is a conventional example of an established technique," the Tribune declares.

The paper adds that none of the positive statements in the speech deserves the term "conciliatory" and that the address leaves Europe as it was before, lacking real security but apparently saved for the moment from a new crisis.—United Press.

The New York "Times" states: "The speech leaves Europe lacking real security, but it is apparently saved from a new crisis."—Reuter.

### WASHINGTON IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27.  
The conciliatory tenor of Signor Mussolini's speech has favourably

## Chinese Currency Bill In Lords

London, Mar. 27.  
The House of Lords to-day gave a second reading, with a division, to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Bill.

Lord Templemore drew attention to China's reputation for high financial integrity, and Lord Snell, on behalf of the Labour Opposition, expressed pleasure that this gesture to help a sorely-pressed nation had been made at last.—Reuter.

New York, Mar. 27.—It is understood that France has ordered another 100 aeroplanes from the United States.—Reuter.

impressed officialdom and financial circles here inasmuch as it apparently opens the door for Franco-Italian conversations towards a possible solution of the Italian claims.

Most reliable sources here say that these have now been rendered easier through tactful presentations.

Senator Claude Pepper, who often acts as spokesman for the Administration's foreign affairs, says that Mussolini's speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—United Press.

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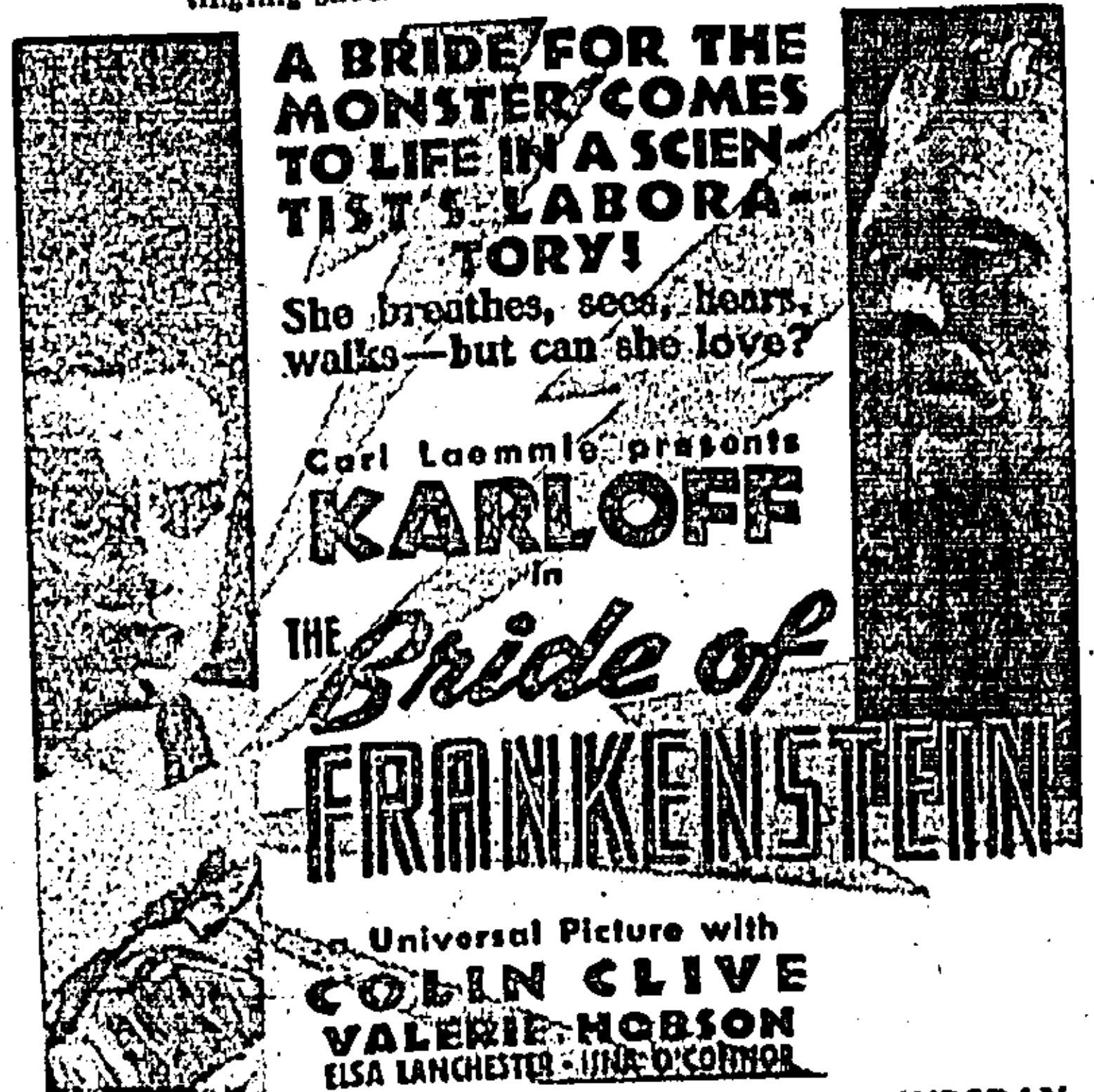
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DOLLAR WEEK  
at Whiteaway's  
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SPECIAL SAVINGS ON MANY ITEMS  
WHITEAWAY'S

## DYNAMITE & FIRE DESTROY CHINA'S PROUDEST CITY

NANCHANG, "city of southern prosperity," has been dynamited and fired by the retreating Chinese forces.

The Kiangsi capital, long regarded as China's most conservative, proud and wealthiest city, is aflame from end to end.

### Prince Edward Road Robberies GANGSTERS' "DOMESDAY BOOK" DISCOVERED

EVIDENCE of the existence of an organised gang which is believed to have perpetrated the series of daring armed robberies in Kowloon is said to have been obtained by the police authorities as the result of arrests this morning.

The "Telegraph" understands that the police found in the possession of an arrested man documentary evidence of an organised plot to systematically attack and rob buildings in the Prince Edward Road area.

It is stated that part of the documentary evidence chronicled the day-by-day movements of a large number of residents of Prince Edward Road.

In addition to the names and addresses of prospective European victims, the documents contained a careful summary of their movements, recording, for instance, the times at which persons left for their offices in the morning, the times they returned from the city, and the times at which housewives left home on shopping expeditions.

It is understood that the arrests have solved a large number of armed robberies which have taken place in this area in the past two months.

As the Japanese troops marched in last night, the Chinese rearguard systematically set the torch to strategic buildings which had previously been dynamited.

Throughout the night the flames licked hungrily at the proud city's buildings.

They spread from street to street.

The Japanese were helpless and watched with chagrin their rich prize turn to ashes before their eyes.

Rapidly Gutting

This morning, huge pillars of flame and smoke are visible for miles around. The Japanese report that the entire city is being rapidly gutted.

In burning and dynamiting Nanchang, the Japanese claim that the Chinese have resorted to the scorched earth policy on a scale never before attempted.

The city, which once boasted a population of 1,250,000, is completely deserted except for the Japanese and hundreds of famished dogs.

Military planes flying over the ruins this morning report that no section is free from flames.

### HUMIDITY 100 PER CENT.

#### Weather Keeps H.K. Unhappy

HONGKONG sweltered today in the hottest and stickiest weather it has experienced since last summer.

Twice this morning—at 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.—the humidity reached saturation point of 100 per cent., a rare occurrence.

Temperature reached a maximum of 78 degrees at 11 a.m.

This is how the temperature and humidity have varied since midnight.

| Temperature  | Humidity |
|--------------|----------|
| 12 a.m. 67.9 | 99       |
| 2 a.m. 68    | 100      |
| 4 a.m. 67.9  | 99       |
| 6 a.m. 68    | 100      |
| 8 a.m. 69.2  | 99       |
| 9 a.m. 70.7  | 96       |
| 10 a.m. 75.3 | 87       |
| 11 a.m. 76.2 | 85       |
| noon 76      | 84       |
| 1 p.m. 75.9  | 82       |
| 2 p.m. 73.9  | 88       |



JAPANESE MECHANISED units, similar to those employed in the capture of Nanchang, entering Kwaylin City this month.

## EVACUATION OF MADRID BEGINS

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, Mar. 27.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED in a broadcast to-day that the evacuation of Madrid began this afternoon.

A Burgos message says that the Nationalists have captured Almaden in the mercury mining area.—Reuter.

### HEAVY AIR RAID TOLL

Japanese Terrorism In The Interior

CONCURRENTLY WITH the great Japanese offensive in Kiangsi, which has already resulted in the fall of Nanchang, tremendous aerial activity has been reported from several provinces.

In Kiangsi itself, Shushui was raided by several Japanese squadrons before it later fell to the invaders. The death toll is said to be heavy, despite the fact that almost all the civilians have been evacuated.

Kian, 130 miles south of Nanchang, has been completely cleared of the civilian population, in order to minimise the losses from wanton attacks on a defenceless city.

Tungkuwan, on the Shensi-Honan border, was subjected to two severe air raids yesterday morning, and over twenty civilians lost their lives.

### 10,000 Prisoners

SALAMANCA, Mar. 28.—A Nationalist communiqué states that 10,000 prisoners have been captured in the Cordoba and Toledo sectors.—Reuter.

### GAS BOMBS USED

About 100 bombs, including (according to Chinese despatches) ten gas bombs, were dropped.

Loyang, on the Lunghai Railway, was attacked by bombers which flew only a few hundred feet above the city. After eighteen bombs had been dropped the planes nose-dived and sprayed the streets with machine-gun bullets.

Terrible havoc has been wrought in Tungyangwan, Lu-chang, Tain-hsien and other cities in south-eastern Shansi, Chinese reports state.

Changteh has heavy civilian casualties in two raids yesterday afternoon, while visits were also made to Sianing and surrounding villages.

### BRITISH MISSION BOMBING

In reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that when Japanese aircraft bombed Peking on March 15, ten bombs fell on the Methodist Mission, killing eight persons, one of whom was the Rev. Leigh, a British subject.

No other British casualties were reported.

The property was clearly marked by large British flags, and white letters on the ground.

The Ambassador to Tokyo had been instructed to protest to the Japanese Government.

Asked whether a claim had been made for compensation for the damage done to this British subject, Mr. Butler replied: "I have no doubt a claim will be made."—Reuter.

## Rebel C. in C. Killed

Shot Dead In Round-Up

JERUSALEM, Mar. 27.

ABDUL RAHIM, the so-called rebel commander-in-chief, was shot dead while trying to break a cordon thrown round a village near Nablus to-day.

Another report says that the first shooting outrage for some weeks resulted to-day in the serious wounding of a Jew in the Muarara quarter of Jerusalem.

A 48-hour stay-at-home order has been imposed in the area.

Another Jew was shot dead in Tiberias, and the curfew was immediately imposed.

A third outrage occurred at Haifa where a Jewish supernumerary constable was fatally wounded when shots were fired at a mail van.—Reuter Special.

### LATEST

Evacuation Under Way

MADRID, Mar. 28.—National Defence Council has ordered demobilisation of all recruits awaiting instructions.

This is regarded as confirmation of reports that the Republicans do not intend to resist General Franco.

A radio appeal has been broadcast to the people of Madrid to keep calm. The broadcast states that the Defence Council is busy organising the evacuation of Spaniards who must leave the country, but evacuation is possible only if everyone remains at their posts until called by the Council.

Though negotiations with the Nationalists have been broken off and Franco's offensive has started there is still time to get the people away provided there is no general stampede, the broadcast states.—Reuter.

### Jew Refugees For Far East

Shipload Departs From Germany

Mar. 27.

SIX HUNDRED Jews departed by special train to-day for Genoa, from where they will sail by the Conte Biancamano on March 20 for Singapore, Shanghai, the Dutch Indies, Indo-China, and Siam.

The emigrants are mostly young or medium-aged people of both sexes, and all professions are represented, and most of them are going to Shanghai.

Aided by the different international societies for the aid of Jewish emigrants, each carried a handbag with a few belongings.

The party was conducted to the Italian border by German officials.—Reuter.

## POLISH ARMY ON DANZIG BORDER

DANZIG, Mar. 27.

RELIABLE SOURCES state that a large number of Polish troops have been concentrated near the Danzig area recently to quietly strengthen the frontier posts.

They are also concentrated to the north against the possibility of a German attempt to make a quick move to annex Danzig.

Apparently the German press campaign for pressure being brought on Poland in connection with Danzig and the Polish Corridor is being undertaken by semi-official sources in Germany, who have ascribed it to the Poles' purported anti-German activities.

The German campaign charges that Polish organisations are systematically attempting to disrupt relations with Germany.

An official German News Agency's report from Bromberg, charging that German women and children in the Polish corridor have been attacked, are constantly referred to.

Previously, such statements sometimes preceded a movement to expand the frontiers of the Reich.

Both the German and Polish Governments have denied reports of troop movements in the Corridor area.

The Germans have also categorically denied any plans to move on Danzig or the Corridor in the near future, although responsible quarters express the belief privately that Poland should act cautiously when dealing with Germany.

The Polish Government has officially denied any knowledge of the mistreatment of the German minority in the Polish corridor.

They have also re-asserted their readiness to fight if the Polish frontiers are endangered.—United Press.

### GREAT SECRECY

Paris, Mar. 27.

The special security measures decided upon by the Polish Government are being carried out with great secrecy, reports the "Paris Solr" this evening.

Polish newspapers have been forbidden to reveal or comment on troop movements, and mobilisation measures, and foreign correspondents have been instructed not to report on the military situation, or to make mention of rumours.—Trans-Ocean.

## BIG ARMY MASSING

Soviet Precautions Along Baltic

WARSAW, Mar. 28.

INFORMATION from Moscow says that the Soviet authorities were massing large military forces along the borders of Latvia and Estonia.

Due to the congestion of troop trains, the international express train from Moscow arrived here three hours behind schedule on Monday.

Most of the fresh reinforcements for Soviet border guards were sent from the White Russian Military District.

It is understood that the Soviet troop movements have been prompted by the reported opening of negotiations of unknown nature between Germany and Latvia.

The Soviet authorities were also reinforcing their defence forces along the border of Rumania near Bessarabia by mobilising the troops from the Balkov and Caucasian Military Districts.—Domet.

## Japanese Drive In Chungshan

Macao, Mar. 28.

The Japanese are making a drive towards Chungshan district, and yesterday captured Yangki and Kweichow after a whole day of fighting against Chinese guerrillas.

The Chinese are still opposing the Japanese.

It is reported that the Japanese landed 12,000 troops near the Bocca Tigris over the week-end.—Reuter.

### Unique In History

The Japanese are now in complete control of Nanchang, the Rising Sun flag being hoisted above the Castle Gate at 6.40 p.m. last night.

It was the first time in history, Nanchang's 900-year-old walls, 22 (Continued on Page 4.)

## DIPLOMATS ACTIVE

"Halt Hitler" Front In Europe

LONDON, Mar. 27.

THE MEETING of the Privy Council which is to be presided over by the King on Thursday has provided grounds for extensive speculation this evening, the general opinion being that it will presage action by the Government on the question of introducing compulsory military service.

The Cabinet is by no means united on this question, although the majority of the members are now in favour of it and are exerting pressure on the Premier, who is believed to be still opposed to such a step.

One of the chief opponents of conscription is Sir John Simon, who, it is believed, would rather resign than vote in favour of it. It is recalled that Sir John Simon was Home Secretary at the beginning of the Great War, and resigned then because he was opposed to compulsory service.

The possibility of extensive changes in the Cabinet in connection with conscription was prominently mentioned to-night, the consensus of opinion being that several Ministers may have to be replaced as a preliminary step to the introduction of conscription.—Trans-Ocean.

### WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.

Mr. Sumner-Wellies, Acting Secretary of State, was in conference with President Roosevelt to-day.

It is understood they reviewed the European situation in detail on the basis of the latest advices which, it is reported, stressed the effect of the Administration's reciprocal trade treaty programme.—United Press.

### KENNEDY IN LONDON

LONDON, Mar. 27.

Showing that the United States interest in European politics has not diminished, the United States Ambassador to London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, to-day visited the British Foreign Secretary and afterwards the Prime Minister.—United Press.

### FRENCH COUNCIL MEETS

Paris, Mar. 27.

At a Cabinet Council meeting held this morning, Premier Daladier ex- (Continued on Page 4.)

## LITHUANIAN SHAKE-UP

KOVNO, Mar. 27.—The Lithuanian Cabinet has resigned.

This forms a climax to the political crisis which resulted from the German occupation of Memel.

The President has given General Johann Tsernhus, the Chief of Staff, the task of forming a new cabinet.

It is understood that the utmost will be done to form a government uniting all parties.—United Press.



# Two Hongkong Companies Record Fine Year's Working

## CHINESE ESTATES PAY A FINAL DIVIDEND

SHOWING A NET profit of \$124,005.52 for the year, the Chinese Estates, Ltd., paid a final dividend of \$3 per share at the 16th annual meeting held this morning, making a complete payment for the year of \$9 per share.

Mr. Leung Kwai-tin was in the chair, and others present were the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., and Mr. Leung Ting-kai (directors), Mr. Fung Ping-fan (director and secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. Fung Ping-va, Li Po-kwai, Li Ngai, Li Cheung, Miss Mok Han, Messrs. Chiu Leong, Co., and Messrs. Yui Hing Co., Ltd.

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman said: "Gentlemen, The Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them up."

The Net Profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building, \$30,000.00, Directors' and Auditors' Fees and all Expenses, amounts to \$124,005.52 which, added to \$160,003.30 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$284,008.82.

A comparison with last year's figures shows that the net profit for the year is \$25,001.90 more than that of the previous year. This increase reveals the soundness of our position, which, I am sure, is a source of satisfaction to shareholders. I am also pleased to report that owing to the advantageous situation of China Building, all shops and office rooms have been let. You will note from the accounts that a sum of \$32,733.63 has been expended on Repairs on Premises, as compared with \$9,238.31 expended in the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the re-construction of the partitions and widening of the passages, and by about \$2,500 expended on extensive repairs on the building. The disbursement of this large sum of \$23,980.18 is justified by the great improvement effected in the lighting and general appearance of the interior of the building, which have evoked commendations from our tenants and persons visiting the building. Your Directors trust that shareholders will agree with that the money has been well spent.

FOUR DIVIDENDS  
Three dividends of \$2 each per share have already been declared and paid. Your Directors are now glad to be able to recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$3 per share, making \$9 per share in all for the year. This dividend is the same as that of last year, and your Directors trust that this will be considered satisfactory by shareholders as the final dividend.

After payment of \$40,500, there will be a balance of \$136,468.82, which your Directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to the next account. Before moving to the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I desire to express my appreciation of the good work of the Secretary and the other members of the staff. I now beg to move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts as presented have been seconded. When the motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put to me. Mr. Li Po Kwai seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall proposed, and Mr. Li Po Kwai seconded, that Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kai be re-elected as Directors of the Company for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. Moved by Mr. Liu Tak Tsun, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected Auditor of the Company at the present remuneration.

## U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 27.

New York Cotton.

|      | Opening | Closing |
|------|---------|---------|
| May  | 8.18/18 | 8.17/17 |
| July | 7.94/94 | 7.93/93 |
| Oct. | 7.59/59 | 7.58/58 |
| Dec. | 7.53/53 | 7.52/52 |
| Jan. | 7.52/52 | 7.51/51 |
| Mar. | 7.57/57 | 7.56/56 |
| Spot |         | 0.92 N  |

New York Rubber.

|       | 10.14 N    |
|-------|------------|
| Mar.  | 10.07b/00a |
| May   | 10.18/18   |
| July  | 10.13b/13a |
| Sept. | 10.18/18   |
| Dec.  | 10.13b/13a |

To-day's Sales:—1,310 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

|       | 07 1/2/07 1/2 | 07 1/2/07 1/2 |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| May   | 07 1/2/07 1/2 | 07 1/2/07 1/2 |
| July  | 07 1/2/07 1/2 | 07 1/2/07 1/2 |
| Sept. | 07 1/2/07 1/2 | 07 1/2/07 1/2 |

Saturday's Sales:—4,233,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

|       | 47 1/2/47 1/2 | 47 1/2/47 1/2 |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| May   | 47 1/2/47 1/2 | 47 1/2/47 1/2 |
| July  | 49 1/4/49 1/4 | 49 1/4/49 1/4 |
| Sept. | 50 1/2/50 1/2 | 50 1/2/50 1/2 |

Winnipeg Wheat

|      | 60 1/2/60 1/2 | 60 1/2/60 1/2 |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| May  | 60 1/2/60 1/2 | 60 1/2/60 1/2 |
| July | 60 1/2/60 1/2 | 60 1/2/60 1/2 |
| Oct. | 60 1/2/60 1/2 | 60 1/2/60 1/2 |

## EVACUATION OF MADRID BEGINS

(Continued from Page 1.)

airfield at dawn to-day while others have been passing overhead en route to Burgos throughout the day. Earlier it was reported that the Republican forces from Madrid have been withdrawing with the exception of one group which has resisted heroically.—United Press.

### NATIONALIST OFFENSIVE

Toledo, Mar. 27.

The Nationalist offensive on the Toledo front to-day saw 100,000 well equipped and partly motorized troops in action.

While the Maestrazgo Army Corps under General Garcia Valino, and under General Garcia Valino, and the Navarres brigades under General Solchaga broke through the Republican lines between Guadumur and Argos, about 10 miles south of Toledo, a column commanded by General Ponte crossed the Tago River and advanced in the direction of Ventosilla.

General Valino's troops had advanced seven miles by this evening and expected to converge with the column under General Solchaga in the course of the night.

Several heights which had formerly constituted a threat to Toledo were captured without trouble, and the territory within a radius of 40 miles of Toledo was mopped up. The Republicans scarcely fired a shot during the offensive, and are offering no resistance.

It is expected that the encirclement of Madrid will be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest.—Trans-Ocean.

### TOLEDO OFFENSIVE

Burgos, Mar. 27.

The second Nationalist offensive started this morning in the neighbourhood of Toledo, when infantry advanced after 90 minutes of preparatory artillery fire.

The Nationalists met with practically no resistance, and the Republicans surrendered everywhere without fighting.

Large numbers of prisoners have been taken together with considerable quantities of war materials. The Nationalist advance on two sectors continues to be rapid and insistent, according to reports reaching Burgos.—Trans-Ocean.

### FRANCO'S BIG EFFORT

Hendaye, Mar. 27.

The Nationalists to-day drove through the Loyalist lines in south and central Spain, and prepared to march on Madrid, without any important resistance.

The negotiations for surrender are apparently bogged because the Defence Council felt they were unable to control the anarchists and others.

According to Nationalist advices the Republican troops are fighting the civilians in the suburbs of Madrid, demanding the city's immediate surrender.

The Nationalists have announced that General Franco has opened a new offensive in the Toledo and broken the Republican lines.

It is reported that he has coordinated the Pozoblanco drive in a pincer action against Ciudad Real.—United Press.

### DRIVE ON TOLEDO

Burgos, Mar. 27.

General Franco's forces have struck in the Toledo sector.

They claim to have broken the Republican front, and to have penetrated to a considerable depth.

The Republicans are stated to be in disordered flight near the Toledo bridgehead.—Reuters.

### ITALIAN AIR CLAIMS

Rome, Mar. 27.

It is officially stated that Italian legionary aviation in Spain has brought down 903 enemy aircraft from the beginning of the Spanish civil war until March 22.

Italian air force losses in Spain during the same period were 59 officers and 233 other ranks, while 80 aircraft were lost.—Reuters.

### CITY QUIET

Madrid, Mar. 27.

At present there is no sign of the threatened offensive.

The city is quiet except for the sounds of anti-aircraft guns firing at 12 Nationalist bombers which are cruising over the city. The planes have so far dropped no bombs.

Police headquarters are crowded with people applying for passports, and the road from Madrid to Valencia is lined with refugees.—Reuters.

## Date Bureau Scores

OAKLAND, Cal.

A "blind date" started the romance between Robert H. Higginbotham, 25, and Miss Florence Freeland, 22, which resulted in their elopement to Reno and marriage. They first met when the date bureau of the University of California assigned Higginbotham to escort Miss Freeland recently. They were accompanied by a to a formal dance.

## N. D. L. Deny Rumours

The North-German Lloyd office in Hongkong has received cable information from the head office in Germany, stating authoritatively that all reports concerning a possible transfer of the route of the company's giant liners Bremen and Europa from the North-Atlantic route (Hamburg-New York) to the South Atlantic route (Hamburg-South America) are absolutely without foundation. No change of sailing or route has been contemplated, or is expected to be contemplated for the future.—Trans-Ocean.

## MISSING PLANE RETURNS

### Night Adventure Of Pilot Student

JUST as three Far East Aviation Training School planes, one of which was to have taken a "Telegraph" reporter to search for the missing student, were warming up at Kai Tak Airport this morning, the lost plane was seen streaking for the Colony.

At 10.20 a.m. George Huang, the missing pilot, stepped from his Hornet Moth plane, after being "lost" since 3.15 p.m. yesterday.

He told the "Telegraph" that he had lost his direction owing to bad visibility and had landed on the beach at Mira Bay at 4.15 p.m.

He spent the night in Mira Bay and remained there this morning until visibility became good enough for him to take off again for Kai Tak.

Huang set off from the Airport yesterday for a short practice flight. A blanket of mist descended so swiftly that he lost his bearings.

After flying around for an hour he decided to land on a strip of beach which became visible below. When he landed he found himself in Mira Bay.

Huang was described last night as an expert pilot. He is training for his "D" Class certificate.

Commercial aviation has also suffered considerable delay this morning owing to bad visibility.

The Delta and Delphinus were not able to leave Kai Tak for Bangkok until 10 a.m. At 10.15 the Boeing Clipper was still riding at anchor off the landing field, awaiting favourable weather before departing for Manila on the return flight to San Francisco.

### CLOUDS CLOSED IN

Huang left Kai Tak at 3.15 p.m. for a flight which was to have lasted until 4.15 p.m. Shortly after leaving the field, below his machine closed in and he soon lost his bearings.

He circled for some time, hoping for a break in the clouds. When it became apparent, however, that there was no possibility of the fog lifting over the harbour, Huang flew in wider circles and eventually saw a long strip of yellow beach below him.

### LANDED IN BIAS BAY!

He landed on the beach without mishap, but discovered that he was in Bias Bay.

Realising that he was in Chinese territory recently occupied by the Japanese, he declared, despite the poor visibility, to take off again.

Without difficulty, he flew to British territory in Mira Bay where he made another successful landing just as it was becoming dark.

Visibility was still bad and he decided to spend the night at Mira Bay. He secured a little food from some villagers in the vicinity and remained in the plane until 9.30 a.m., when he took off for Kai Tak.

His achievement in finding Kai Tak Airport this morning was hailed by personnel at the Training School, as the airport is blanketed in such a thick fog that all commercial planes have been grounded. Huang was enthusiastically greeted by members of the Training School when he landed. Sandwiches which had been prepared for him and were still warm were taken in search planes were handed to him when he landed, and he ate them hungrily.

### PLANE TAKES OFF

The decision to send out three search planes was made at 9.40 a.m. Mr. Beddell took off in a cabin machine and at 11 o'clock was still searching for Huang, unaware of the fact that he had safely returned.

The motors of the other two machines were warming up, preparatory to taking off for the search, when Huang broke through the clouds above the Airport and landed.

## New Japanese Complaint

Tokyo, Mar. 28.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" says that the British authorities at Singapore are bringing increasing pressure to bear upon Japanese fishermen engaged in fishing in the waters adjacent to Singapore.

The paper believes that the establishment of a marine industry school at Singapore by the British authorities which was recently announced is motivated to drive out Japanese fishery interests from Singapore.—Domest.

# WATSON'S BIG PROFIT DESPITE CANTON TROUBLE

DESPITE THE CLOSING down of the Canton branch, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., revealed at the annual meeting this morning that the profit on the year's working amounted to \$318,627.95 was the highest in sixteen years.

As a result of increased turnover, the company was able to reduce its indebtedness to their Bankers by over two lakhs of dollars.

The annual meeting was held in the Hongkong Hotel.

Among those present were Mr. D. E. Clark (Chairman), Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. J. Scott, Sturgeson, T. W. Williamson, L. Guy, and Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, W. T. Simpson, P. C. F. P. Wong, C. B. Brown, N. V. A. Croucher, J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, J. A. Tarrant, Li Shu-chung and Wong Kim-iso (shareholders).

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:

"I propose with your permission to adopt the usual procedure and take the Report and Statement of Accounts, together with Auditors' Report, as read."

"It will be observed from the Accounts now before you that Profit on the year's working amounts to \$318,627.95 which is considerably higher than the figures submitted to you on similar occasions in recent years—in fact, one must turn back to the year 1923 to find a balance of an equally satisfactory result."

"This gratifying result is attributable to a fair amount of improvement shown by all Hongkong Departments both as regards trading and profit. The abnormally dry Summer months were, no doubt, partly instrumental in increasing the turnover of our Aerated Water Factory and this Department of the business registered a satisfactory increase over previous years."

"On the other hand, it was apparent from the outset that a favourable result could not be anticipated from our Canton Branch in view of the difficult conditions prevailing and although a fair amount of business was executed on a satisfactory basis at the commencement of the season, the subsequent depreciation of the Hongkong dollar, made further profitable trading impossible. Consequently, our main effort was directed to effecting all possible economies in overhead expenditure with a view to minimising the probable adverse balance from this Account."

"The Canton Dispensary, our Shamen Retail Department, was closed down in May last and the premises were leased at a satisfactory rental; unfortunately, however, the outbreak of hostilities in the City completely dislocated trade in that area with the result that the above arrangement is meanwhile in abeyance."

"Our factory at Pak Hin Hok has been temporarily closed, but plant is supported by skeleton staff of selected and experienced workmen, so that, should conditions warrant, no delay need be occasioned in the resumption of operations."

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, it will be noted that our indebtedness to our Bankers has been reduced by over two lakhs of dollars. Stocks in trade show an increase of \$105,454.98 while the amount under "Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances" is \$40,029.73 lower than the preceding year, and this is mainly accounted for by the reduction in turnover of our Canton Branch. Apart from these items, there do not appear to be further matters in the Balance Sheet calling for special comment."

### RESERVES STRENGTHENED

The proposals submitted to you include the allocation of \$100,000.00 from the Profits to General Reserve, bringing this Account up to \$550,000.00 and, as I think it hardly necessary for me to stress the advisability of strengthening reserves, I am sure this transfer will meet with your approval."

"It is further deemed expedient to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the creation of a Special Reserve against Outstanding Accounts in China. At the end of our financial year, stocks of Aerated Water containers were still outstanding in the hands of Agents and Dealers in China and, although a large proportion of these, in our opinion, will eventually be returned, it is considered that, as a precautionary measure, special provision should be made to meet possible losses in this connection."

### CANTON STAFF

"Before closing these remarks, I should like to record the Directors' and General Managers' appreciation of the manner in which the Manager and Staff of Canton carried out their duties during the year, under exceedingly trying circumstances."

"The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account as at October 31, 1938, including the Balance of \$75,202.85 brought forward from previous year, amounted to \$303,630.80, and I now formally propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and that this sum be appropriated as follows:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share, absorbing | \$120,000.00 |
| To pay a bonus of 20 cents per share               | \$20,000.00  |
| To transfer to Canton                              | \$20,000.00  |

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| To create a Special Reserve against Outstanding Accounts in China | \$50,000.00  |
| To transfer to Special Reserve against Outstanding Accounts       | \$10,000.00  |
| To write off Building Improvements                                | 1,902.50     |
| And Carry Forward to next Account                                 | \$1,845.30   |
|   | \$303,630.80 |

"After the seconding of this proposal, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to raise in connection with the Accounts."

### COMPANY CONGRATULATED

In seconding the proposal, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher said: "It gives me pleasure to second the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented for the year ended October 31, 1938, and in so doing, I feel that the Company is to be congratulated on the excellent result shown on the year's working which incidentally, I note, is the best recorded over the past 10 years."

"From our Chairman's remarks it can, I think, be fairly assumed that profit for the year under review would have been even greater but for the fact that the Canton Branch again registered an adverse balance."

"I am, however, glad to note that all possible steps are being taken to minimise further possible losses from that source and that, with the arrangements made and staff available for supervising our Company's interests in that area, no delay should be occasioned in resuming profitable trading when conditions warrant."

"A commendable feature of the Accounts is the fact that overdraft with our Bankers has been reduced by over two lakhs of dollars, so that, given further favourable trading conditions in the current year, I hope I will not be considered unduly optimistic in anticipating a substantial reduction, if not elimination, of the Account under this heading at the end of the ensuing Financial Year."

"I wish to associate myself with the remarks made regarding the staff in Canton."

"I now formally beg to second the Report and Accounts as presented."

### DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. J. Scott, Sturgeson, S. T. Williamson and L. Guy were re-elected as Directors on the proposal of Mr. D. E. Clark, seconded by Mr. F. W. Stapleton and carried unanimously.

The motion that Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. S. T. Bullin be re-elected as Auditors was proposed by Mr. J. A. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. J. E. Jupp and carried unanimously.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet, but prices remained steady. Sales were reported in Banks at \$1,380, Docks at \$17 1/2 and Old China Lights at \$8.20.

**Buyers**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,320  
Union Insurance \$47 1/2  
Docks \$17 1/2  
H. & S. Hotels \$2 1/2  
S. S. Hotels \$2 1/2  
Canton Ice \$1  
Cement \$13 1/2  
H. K. Govt. 4 1/2  
Wing On (H.K.) \$4 1/2  
Entertainments \$3 1/2  
H. K. Govt. 4 1/2  
H. K. Govt. 4 1/2  
Daily Farms \$15 1/2  
Union Insurance \$47 1/2  
H. K. Lands \$30  
Wales \$2 1/2

**Sales**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,320  
Union Insurance \$47 1/2  
H. K. Docks \$17 1/2  
China Lights (Old) \$8.20  
Daily Farms \$15 1/2  
Antimoks \$2 1/2  
Alaska \$2 1/2  
Benguet Consolidated \$12 1/2  
Coco Grove \$1  
Consolidated Mines \$3  
I. X. L. \$1  
Paracale \$10 1/2  
San Francisco \$1 1/2  
United \$1  
United Paracale \$1 1/2

## Co-eds Live Cheaply

San Jose, Cal.

A campus survey here reveals that co-eds can live on \$15 a month, while the lowest sum on which male students can get by is \$28. The latter explain the difference by reason of the fact that co-eds do not have to finance dates and can get most of their cigarettes by chiseling off the men.

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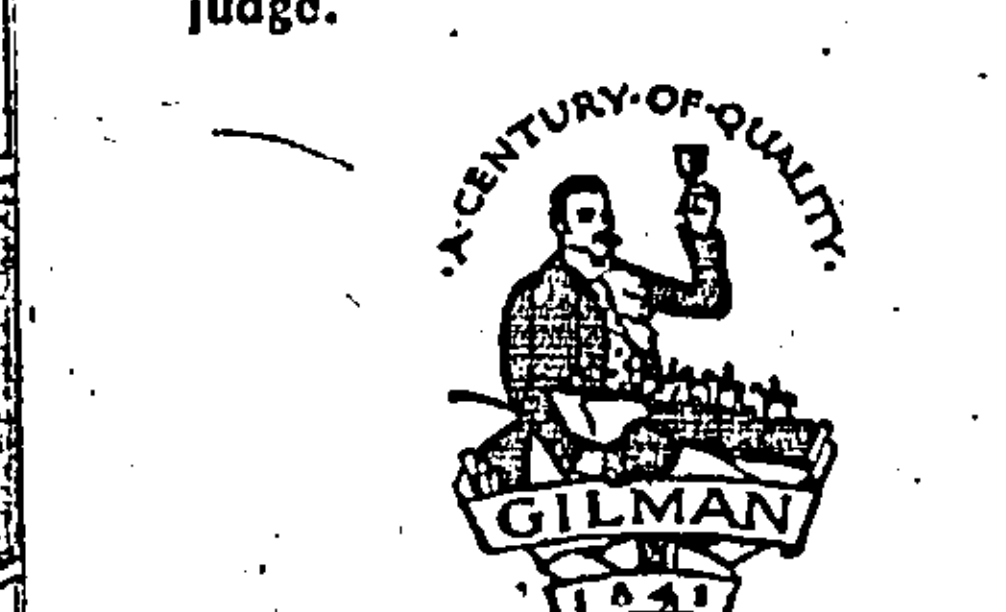
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| F1338. | If Ever A Heart Was In The Right Place.                 | This Is The Kiss of Romance.                          |
| F1339. | There's Something About An Old Love.                    | They Say  |
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# HUNGARIAN-SLOVAK TRUCE PARLEYS

## FORMAL SESSION YESTERDAY: OFFICIAL CHARGES

### Slovakia Calls More Reserves To Colours

BUDAPEST, Mar. 27. THE HUNGARIAN-SLOVAK commission for settling the frontier dispute and delimiting the border line between Slovakia and Ruthenia, met to-day in the main hall of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry.

The meeting was merely of a formal nature for the purpose of drawing up a working programme.

The first of the conferences will begin on Tuesday morning. Meantime, the Hungarian Government has issued the following official communique dealing with Slovak relations:

"On March 26, an Hungarian patrol was fired upon two kilometres east of Mecczsal. On March 28, Hungarian frontier guards were attacked near Nagykazner and Alsomihalyi. The aggressors were driven back to Slovak territory, eight of their number being killed, and several wounded. Hungarian guards suffered no losses.

"The attacks were repeated on March 26 and 27 near Kiskolon, but these were also repulsed. In view of the repeated Slovak frontier violations, the chief of General staff of the Hungarian army issued an order on Monday that all future attacks were to be repulsed in the most determined manner."

While the frontier situation continues to be unsettled, Hungarian and Slovak broadcasting stations have begun a battle of the other waves, each accusing the other of circulating false reports, and endeavouring to give the people of Slovak and Ruthenia an inaccurate impression of the situation.

It was denied over the Hungarian radio that five Hungarian planes had been shot down by the Slovaks, and a reward offered to anyone who could prove that the Hungarian planes had been shot down by the Slovaks.—Trans-Ocean.

**FIVE CLASSES CALLED UP**  
The Slovak National Defence Ministry to-day summoned the five youngest reserve classes of the air force for special military service.

Members of the air force received instructions to report at Pityan, the famous health resort, while the air defence and artillery forces will assemble at Bratislava immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

**SLOVAKIA PREPARES**  
Bratislava, Mar. 27. Apparently preparing for a possible continuation and extension of the "war", the Slovak government has called up a wide range of Air Force pilots and personnel.—United Press.

**NEW MOVE ALONG SOUTHERN FRONT**  
BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27. Hungarian irregulars and Free Corps units are reported to have entered Slovakia to-day, across the southern frontier at Medvez, where they are attempting to occupy frontier villages.

At the same time the fighting on the eastern frontier is reported to be subsiding. Negotiations to settle outstanding questions between Hungary and Slovakia began at midday.—Reuter.

**REICH "PAINFULLY SURPRISED"**  
Berlin, Mar. 27. Political circles are "painfully surprised" at the "revived anti-German incident caused by the Polish Western League at the southern end of the Polish Corridor" at Bromberg, according to an inspired statement issued to the foreign press to-day, which adds that anti-German riots in Poland are increasing.

A Warsaw message says that it is authoritatively stated that nothing is

known of any serious incident at Bromberg.

Minor incidents involving Germans and Poles are constantly being reported, but nothing has occurred to justify the language of the Berlin statements.—Reuter.

**HUNGARIAN OFFENSIVE**  
BRATISLAVA, Mar. 27. A reliable report from Perjes states that the Hungarians have launched an offensive in the Michalovec and Sobrance sectors.

Bombing planes and artillery are being used.

This offensive coincides with the Slovak delegation's departure to Budapest for peace negotiations.

The reports state the offensive was well organised. The bombing planes and artillery first pounded the Slovak defences after which the infantry advanced but were repulsed by the Slovaks.

It is assumed here that this was made as a last effort to advance the Hungarian occupation as far as possible in case the negotiations are based primarily on the territory each army holds.—United Press.

## Dissension In Cabinet?

### Tory Conference On Thursday

LONDON, Mar. 27. CONTINUED REPORTS of dissension in the Cabinet are not taken seriously in well-informed Parliamentary quarters, "Reuter" learns.

Consultations regarding the declaration on aggression are proceeding normally, and the Cabinet is solidly behind the Premier on this matter.

No pledge has been given France on the subject of conscription, and no dissension in the Cabinet on the question is apparent.

The foremost matter for consideration at the present is a review of the voluntary national register promised for the end of March.

There are indications that new developments will result, and that a comprehensive scheme for compulsory physical training of youth is a possibility.

Ministers intend to pursue every aspect of national organisation that can be fitted into the Premier's pledge that conscription will not be introduced during peace time.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, as leader of the Party, will attend the meeting of the Central Council of the National Union of the Conservative Unions and Associations at Westminster on March 30, and will address the delegates.—Reuter.

## London Stock Exchange

LONDON, Mar. 27. In "trading prices" most groups on the Stock Exchange improved slightly to-day, though gilt-edged holdings tended to ease owing to lack of interest.

Oil benefited from occasional Amsterdam buying, and Kaffirs, after early dullness, improved on Paris support.

Among foreign holdings, Chinese bonds strengthened on reports that debt service negotiations had been initiated.

Foreign exchanges were quieter, with the Netherlands florin firmer on bear-covering, following Mussolini's speech.

Commodities were featureless, while Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

## World Fair In Rome In 1942

Tokyo, Mar. 28. The Government authorities have decided to accept the Italian invitation to participate in the World Fair which will take place in Rome in April, 1942.

A formal approval given by the Cabinet Council on March 26, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has set aside a fund of Yen 5,000,000 for the construction of the Japanese pavilion in the Rome exposition—Domel.



With footholds in Hainan, Canton and Formosa, and in her mandated island in the Ladrone and Caroline groups, Japan rings the United States outpost in the Philippines, and straddles the route from Singapore to Hongkong and Shanghai.

## TOKYO CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITISH

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27. THE JAPANESE-CONTROLLED Chinese language newspapers are waging a violent anti-British campaign, such slogans as "Destroy the British Flag," "Boycott British Goods," "Confiscate British Property," and "Drive Out All Britons" being splashed in heavy type on the front pages.

An American missionary from Nanking states that the Japanese-controlled newspapers there are appealing to the employees of British, including the Consulates, to leave their posts.—Reuter.

**ATTEMPT TO END**  
CHUNGKING, Mar. 27. The "New China Daily", the Communist organ here, editorially reviews the latest anti-British move which is being carried out by the Japanese in the occupied zones in China.

It says the move includes the retrocession of the International Settlement in Shanghai and the Kowloon leased territory, the return of Hongkong to China, the boycott of British goods, prohibition of British shipping, and the abolition of all British interests and privileges in China.

The immediate goal of the Japanese anti-British movement is the destruction of Sino-British friendship, thus cutting British assistance to China.

The eventual objective, the editorial says, will be a Japanese movement to wrest British rights and interests in the Far East into Japanese hands.

**TIE-UP WITH EUROPE**  
Primarily, it adds, the movement has nothing to do with the Chinese masses, though the Japanese have encouraged the puppets in Peiping and Nanking to lead anti-British campaigns.

The "New China Daily" said the Japanese movement is also reaching the anti-Democratic war cries in Europe, trying to support the Berlin-Rome axis.

After the occupation of Hainan Island and the bombing of the border villages of Kowloon, the Japanese are proceeding with the campaign for the return of the British concessions to China.

The paper asserts that the killing of the British missionary at Ping-kiang, the bombing of the British mission at Chengchow and the kidnapping of Mr. Dyott in Tientsin are all Japanese acts in accordance with the Japanese slogan "Punishments of British."

Now it is time, the paper concludes, for British authorities to "replace their ink and paper protests with actual action against Japan."—United Press.

**"CRUSH HONGKONG"**  
Japan should have crushed Hongkong with the mailed fist.

This was the theme of a speech made to the Japanese community in Shanghai by a visiting politician from Tokyo—Seigo Nakano, head of the Tohoikai party of right-wing Agrarian interests in the Japanese Diet.

Nakano vehemently advocated the use of force by Japan to prevent British ships supplying arms and munitions to China, and then, referring to crushing Hongkong, he said:

"The object of the Japanese campaign in China is not only China, but also Britain and America, who are Japan's real enemies."—United Press.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 27. It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador to Chungking, who was one of the passengers aboard the C.N.A.C. plane "Lanchow" on her maiden flight to Hainan, and which arrived on Saturday, went to Moscow on short leave.

The Soviet Ambassador will report on Soviet-Chinese relations to the Soviet Foreign Minister.—United Press.

## FRANCE READY TO NEGOTIATE

Latest Attitude To Italian Claims

PARIS, Mar. 27. THE FRENCH Foreign Minister to-day said France is ready to negotiate any Italian diplomatic proposals for a settlement of the Mediterranean problems.

He said he felt Mussolini's speech leaves the door open for talks but did not provide a basis for discussion. Earlier, a council of Ministers had issued a decree increasing the fleet's peacetime strength with active reserves.

As the Prime Minister outlined in his speech on Saturday, it is reported that France will not cede an inch of territory. However, the Premier also expressed his willingness to negotiate a political understanding.—United Press.

## Lithuania Asks For War Funds

Kaunas, Mar. 27. General Rastikis, Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian army, in a broadcast appeal for contributions to the national arms fund, stated that the campaign was not directed against any country, since Lithuania would fight only in defence of her independence.—Reuter.

**CZECHS AND SLOVAKS IN U.S.**

Pittsburgh, Mar. 27. Czechs, Slovaks and people from the Carpatho-Ukraine to-day met here in the Moose Temple where the original Pittsburgh Pact was drafted in 1918.

They proposed that the Czechoslovak State should start a fight to restore the nation to its former status. They elected Wendell Stephen Plutnick as President of the movement and convoked a national convention for May 15 to establish a permanent organisation.—United Press.

## Shanghai Outrage

### ATTEMPT TO KILL JAPANESE

Shot While Riding In Rickshaw

Shanghai, Mar. 28. An unidentified assassin to-day shot and critically wounded a Japanese cotton mill worker, T. Makino who was riding a rickshaw in the Yangtzepoo district which is under Japanese control.

Japanese troops immediately halted all traffic and began a widespread search for the assassin.

So far, however, no arrests have been made.

The shooting marked the first anti-Japanese terrorist act on the first anniversary of the establishment of the Nanking Reformed Regime.

Earlier this morning Japanese planes flew over the International Settlement dropping pamphlets in celebration of the Nanking regime's anniversary.

In connection with the Makino shooting the Japanese authorities have not yet informed the Municipal Police although the Yangtzepoo sector in which the shooting took place comes technically within the Settlement.

Japanese authorities have declined to reveal Makino's condition. However, there are rumours that he has died from a shot through the head.—United Press.

## JAPANESE FLAG ON BROADWAY MANSIONS

Shanghai, Mar. 28. The Japanese community to-day made a ceremony of raising the Rising Sun flag over the Broadway Mansions which Japanese interests bought from the British owners last week.—United Press.

## ONE SUSPECT DETAINED

Shanghai Mar. 28. Japanese naval authorities this morning issued a communique that they had arrested one suspect in connection with the shooting of Mr. Makino. Meanwhile the investigation is continuing.

Japanese gendarmes, aided by S.C.M. police are intensively investigating the crime, and at the same time the traffic bridges to the Japanese-controlled area are subjected to intensive searches, resulting in bad traffic jams.—United Press.

## Italy Now Has Enough Oil

Rome, Mar. 27. The Italian Economic Agency to-day declared that Italy is now able to produce enough petrol for her aviation needs.—Reuter.

**OIL FROM MEXICO**  
Mexico City, Mar. 27. The Italian tanker Casco left Tampico to-day with 60,000 barrels of oil which the Italian Government has purchased from the Petroleos Mexicanos Company.

It is reliably stated that an agreement has been reached between Italy and Mexico for the supply of large quantities of oil to the former country in exchange for machines and finished goods.—Trans-Ocean.

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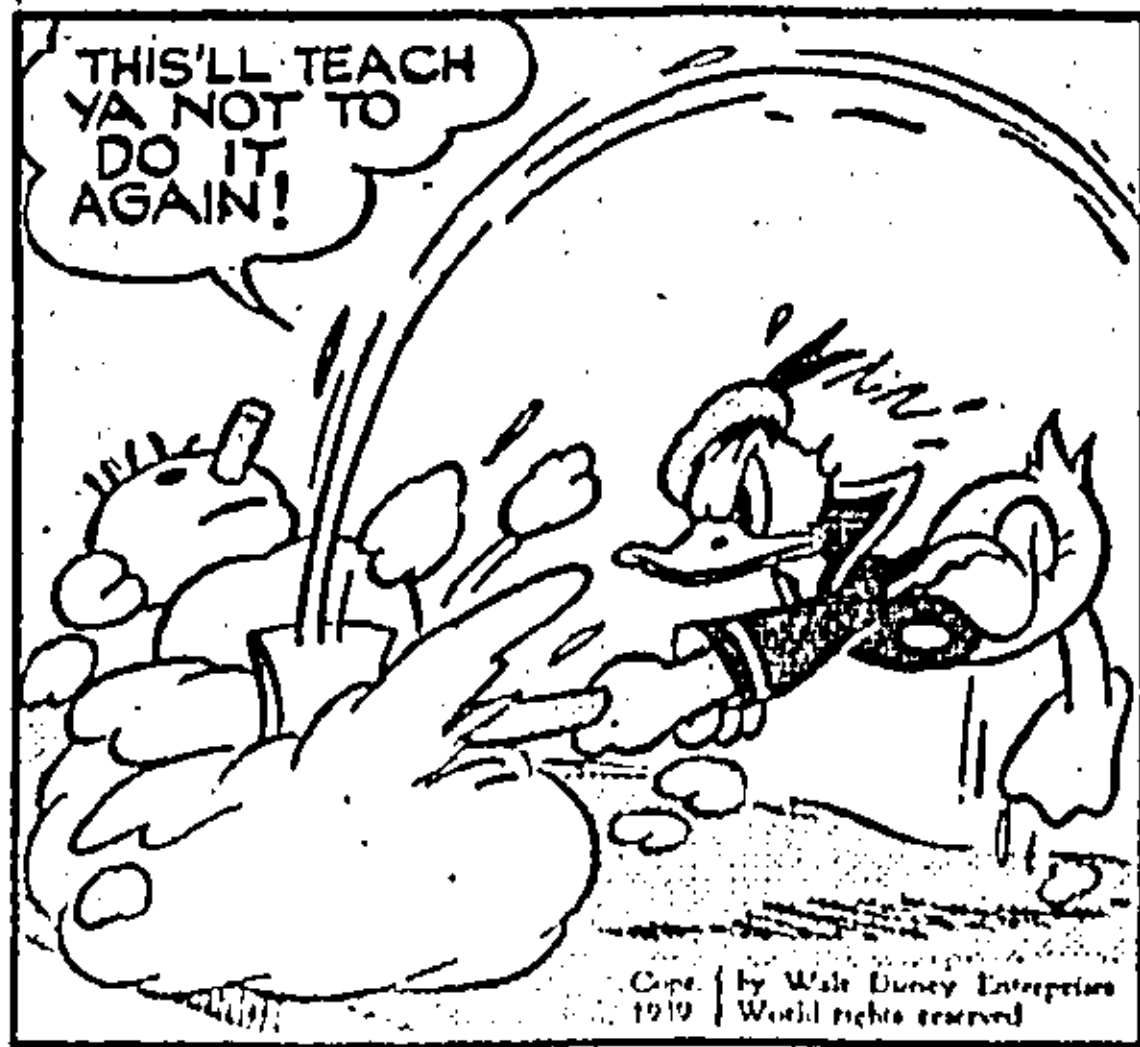
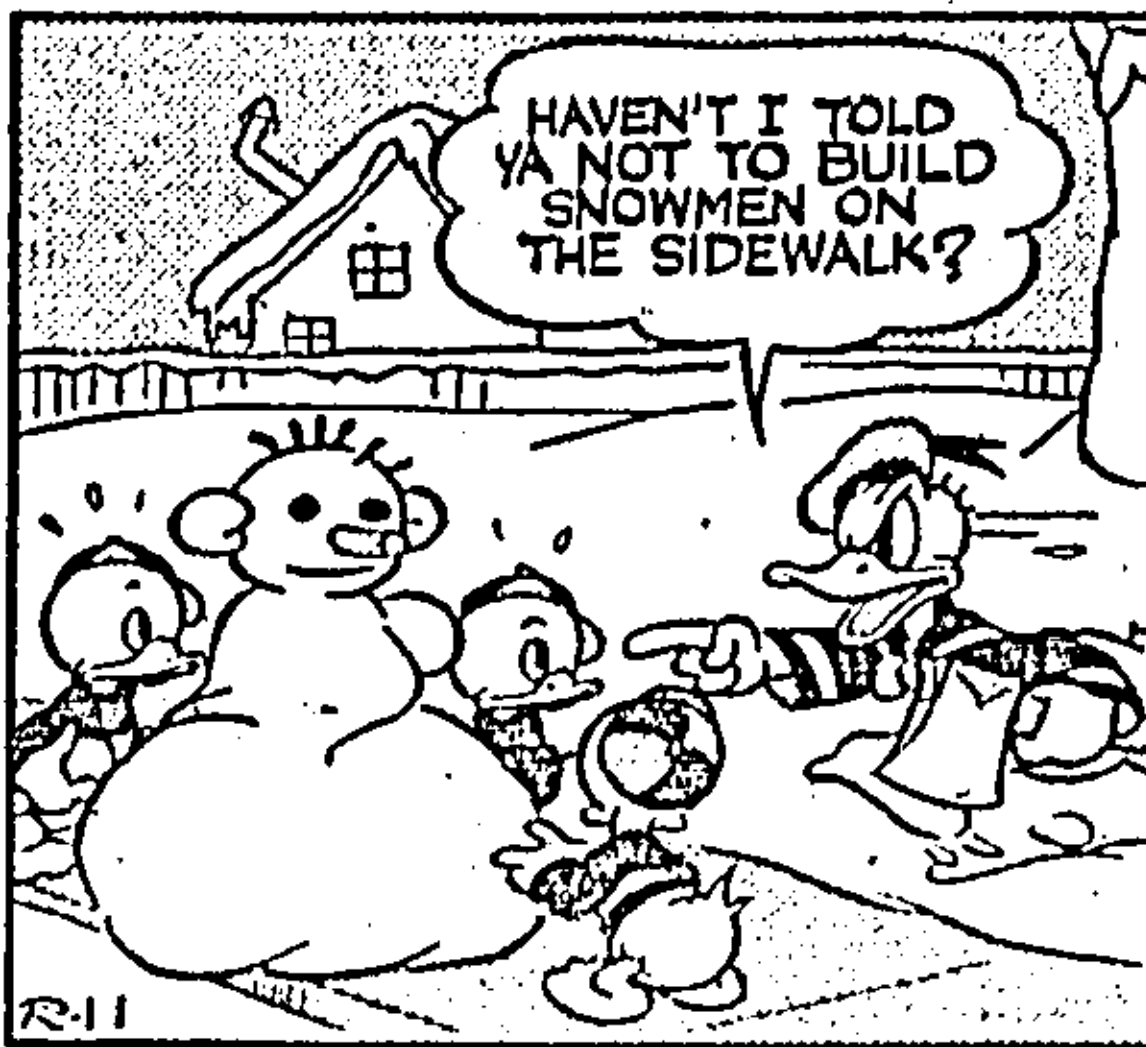
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## Europeans Chase Pepper Gang, Capture 3 In Prince Edward Road

**SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS** in connection with the series of armed robberies that have been committed in Kowloon of late are expected following the arrest this morning of three men, who made an unsuccessful attack on an amah employed by Mr. S. W. Minshall, of the Sworn Measurers' Office.

## EUROPEAN VICTIMS IN PETTY CRIME WAVE

THE THEFT of a pullover, valued at \$40, from her home, 94 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, between March 21 and 22, has been reported to the police by Mrs. E. W. Blackmore.

Mrs. A. R. H. Butcher, of 106 The Peak, has reported that between July last year and yesterday, someone stole a table cloth, valued at \$65, from her home.

Mr. D. M. Richards, of 113 The Peak, was robbed of \$15 by some person who entered his bedroom during the early hours yesterday, and

took the money from a dressing table. Pte. Clifton, R.A.S.C., stationed at Murray Barracks, has reported that a suit of grey flannel clothing was stolen from him yesterday.

Cpl. Malone, R.A.S.C., also lost a suit of grey flannel clothing from the barracks on March 21. His suit was valued at \$40.

## British Chief Of Staff In France

London, Mar. 27. Viscount Gort, Chief of General Staff, goes to Paris to-morrow on the personal invitation of General Gamelin, to spend a few days in France to see the military exercises and to visit the fortifications of the Maginot Line.

He will be accompanied by four staff officers.—*Reuter Special.*

Dr. Josef Goebbels is leaving here to-night for a visit of several days to Budapest and Athens, accompanied by his personal Adjutant and three other officials.

It is officially stated that the journey is purely for private reasons of health.—*Reuter Special.*

The three men attacked the amah, Ah Yuk, about 7 a.m. as she came out of the house of her employer at 207 Prince Edward Road.

One of the men threw pepper into her eyes and blinded her while the other two, one of whom was armed with a dagger, caught hold of her and relieved her of about one dollar in small coins.

Fortunately, the incident was seen by a watchman, a Dairy Farm coolie and a constable, who went to the rescue.

## OVERPOWERED

A number of Europeans were also attracted to the scene by the commotion, and although the robbers put up a desperate struggle they were eventually overpowered and taken into the office of Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient to await the arrival of the Emergency Unit van.

The robbers were taken to the Shamshui Police Station and the amah to the Kowloon Hospital.

## NEW FINDS MADE AT ROSETTA

Four large pieces of stone, bearing hieroglyphic inscriptions, have been found at Rosetta, where the famous Rosetta Stone was discovered more than 140 years ago. The Rosetta Stone provided the world with the foundation upon which the history of ancient Egypt has been built.

## IN THE COURTS

## NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: Which is the world's busiest railway junction?

ANSWER: Clapham Junction, London, 2,500 trains are dealt with every 24 hours, according to the 1939 edition of "Facts About British Railways."

Q: Which nation holds the record for the world's fastest steam train?

A: Britain, with the streamlined express, "The Coronation," which set up the record of 125 miles an hour last summer.

Q: Which is the fastest run in the British Empire?

A: "The Coronation's" regular trip, King's Cross-Edinburgh, 392½ miles in 6 hours.

Q: What are the chances of being killed in an accident on a British railway?

A: Last year's accident records showed that the odds were 232,000,000 to 1 against.

## SOLDIERS IN COURT

## Fined For Assault On Two Chinese

APPEARING ON REMAND before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, three sappers in the Royal Engineers, William John Gardner, 20, David Edward Allison, 20, and Thomas Marney, 19, were convicted of assault on two Chinese in Wanchai on March 18, and were each fined \$25.

They assaulted Yip Ming-chun and his wife, Liu Wai-ying, outside the door of the latter's house, in Lockhart Road about 12.15 a.m. on March 18, when Yip was waiting for his door to be opened. Yip alleged he was kicked, and the woman that she had been struck over the mouth.

The defendants called Sapper Harold Morris Ganter, R.E., as a witness.

Ganter said he was walking along Lockhart Road sometime after midnight on March 18, together with Marney, Gardner and Allison were walking some distance ahead.

Witness saw a group gathering in the road, and Marney left him to see what was the matter.

Witness caught sight of the second complainant, wielding a stick in her hand but could not see whether she struck anyone. She fell down.

POLICE WHISTLES BLOWN by several people, Marney rejoined witness, and they continued their walk along the road.

Gardner and Allison also walked on, but near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, they were stopped by Sub-Inspector R. McEwan and L/Cpl. Willis, of the Military Police, and taken to Wanchai police station.

Witness and Marney went along as witnesses.

Questioned by Sergeant T. Cashman, who prosecuted, witness said he did not see what caused the woman to fall.

RAN DOWN LANE Making a statement, Gardner said he was walking with Allison, when they saw a quarrel. They went to see what was the matter, and defendant was struck on the back with a stick. He turned to see who had struck him, and found Yip, whom he pushed away. Yip blew a police whistle, and defendant and Allison ran down a lane to the children's playground, where they were stopped by L/Cpl. Willis.

Allison said he was with Gardner, and made no further statement.

Marney said he saw a crowd gathering and walked across to have a look. He saw the woman holding something like an umbrella or stick in her hand. Police whistles were blown and Gardner and Allison, who were in the crowd, left. They were stopped near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home and taken to the police station.

Defendant and Ganter followed, and at the station, Yip and his wife were asked if defendant or Ganter had taken part in the assault, and both said no. Defendant was surprised when he was picked out as an identification parade at the Barracks on March 20.

Convicting all the defendants, his Worship said he believed the complainants were assaulted.

## "I Warn You," Puisne Judge Tells Witness In Distrain Summons

"I WARN YOU if you go on telling lies like this, you will lose your case, and it will cost you dear," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, in a case before the Summary Court to-day.

## False Teeth Murder Trial

## "WE HAVE COME TO ROB—NOT TO KILL"

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION that the four clients he represents in the joint trial of five Chinese males on a capital charge at Criminal Sessions this morning, should not go before the jury for murder but perhaps for a minor charge, was made by Mr. H. Lee to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The Chief Justice rejected the submission and the case is continuing.

The charges arise from the death of an elderly Chinese who was choked to death when tied and gagged by the accused who, with others, robbed his shop at Hunghom of \$10 in the early hours of February 6.

## STOP FOKI CHARGED

One of the accused, alleged the Crown, was a chop foki who slept on the premises and assisted in the crime by admitting the robbers. It was an empty theft commented the Crown Counsel, Mr. John Wyatt, in prosecuting for the total proceeds of the robbery amounted only to about \$10, as the thieves were unable to find the keys to safes containing about \$3,000.

The men, who are charged with the murder of Leung Hung, 60, at Wuhu Street, Hung Hom, on February 6, are Leung Chau (20), Lam Kam-chuen (47), Fung Chak (21), Li Shek-man (31), and Leung Tai (43).

The case is being heard before the Chief Justice (Sir Atholl MacGregor) and a Jury comprising Messrs. B. C. Proulx (Foreman); F. J. dos Remedios, Tham Khai-hong, S. N. Putouloff, P. F. Mann, Wong Sun-ye, and K. J. H. Haas.

Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the Crown, Leung Chau was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. C. Kwan) and the four other accused by Mr. H. Lee (instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo of Messrs. Wood and Woo).

ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENT Mr. Hin-shing Lo said he wished to object to the admission of the statement allegedly made by his client. After Counsel had given his reasons the Chief Justice said:

"Mr. Whyatt never had any intention of making that statement part of the Crown case, but you have put a question which is directly at issue in cross-examination and you have raised the further issue of the credibility of Inspector Carey against the credibility of your client."

"Have you any answer to the proposition that Mr. Whyatt is now entitled to tender and use the statement? It is entirely as a result of your own cross-examination and nothing else."

## EVIDENCE CHALLENGED

Mr. Hin-shing Lo said he challenged Inspector Carey's evidence on the question of when it was given.

He further contended that the statement was not admissible because the question which raised the matter of the statement was not relevant to the issue of the case and further, that the statement was made when Inspector Carey must have had the intention of proceeding against his client.

His Lordship ruled the statement was admissible and Inspector Carey then went into the witness box and identified the statement as one he had taken from No. 1 accused on February 6 with the aid of Yip Hoi-to, interpreter.

Yip Hoi-to corroborated.

## GAGGED WITH ORANGE

Mr. Whyatt read the statement which, said No. 1 accused, was 20 years old and a shop fold. He came to Hongkong on December 30 last year from the country at the suggestion of...

tion of a relative, who introduced him to Leung Chi, for whom he then began to work.

On the night of the robbery Chan Lung and Leung Chi, the two folds who usually slept out, had left the shop, which was closed up for the night.

He was waken up about 1.30 a.m. by somebody who threatened him with a knife and then gagged him with an orange and tied him up. The robbers remained for some time. He himself lost \$80 which he had brought with him, unknown to the other foks, in the hopes of starting a business in Hongkong.

## ROBBER'S CONFESSION

Lau Chu, the robber who informed the police later, then gave evidence. He said that on February 4 he met by chance No. 4 accused whom he had known for some years.

He asked witness if he had courage to "do a job," by which witness thought he meant a robbery.

Witness, who was unemployed, assented and they went to an opium divan in Austin Road.

On the night of the robbery, No. 4 accused took him to Shingchi Street, where they picked up No. 5 accused and went to Jordan Road, being joined by four other men.

No. 5 accused gave him one of several oranges he was carrying with the remark that he would find it useful later on.

When they gathered outside the house, there were nine persons in all, among them being No. 1 accused, though witness did not know where he had come from.

Witness was handed a knife and some wire and then one of the men removed a pole from the back door and they went in.

Witness was frightened and threw away his knife, wire and orange. The men who went in were Chan On, Lam Hoi, Cheung To, and Nos. 1, 4 and 3 accused besides witness.

## "DON'T BE FRIGHTENED"

Witness saw a man squatting on the ground floor. He appeared frightened and witness told him not to be frightened as he had come only to rob and not to kill.

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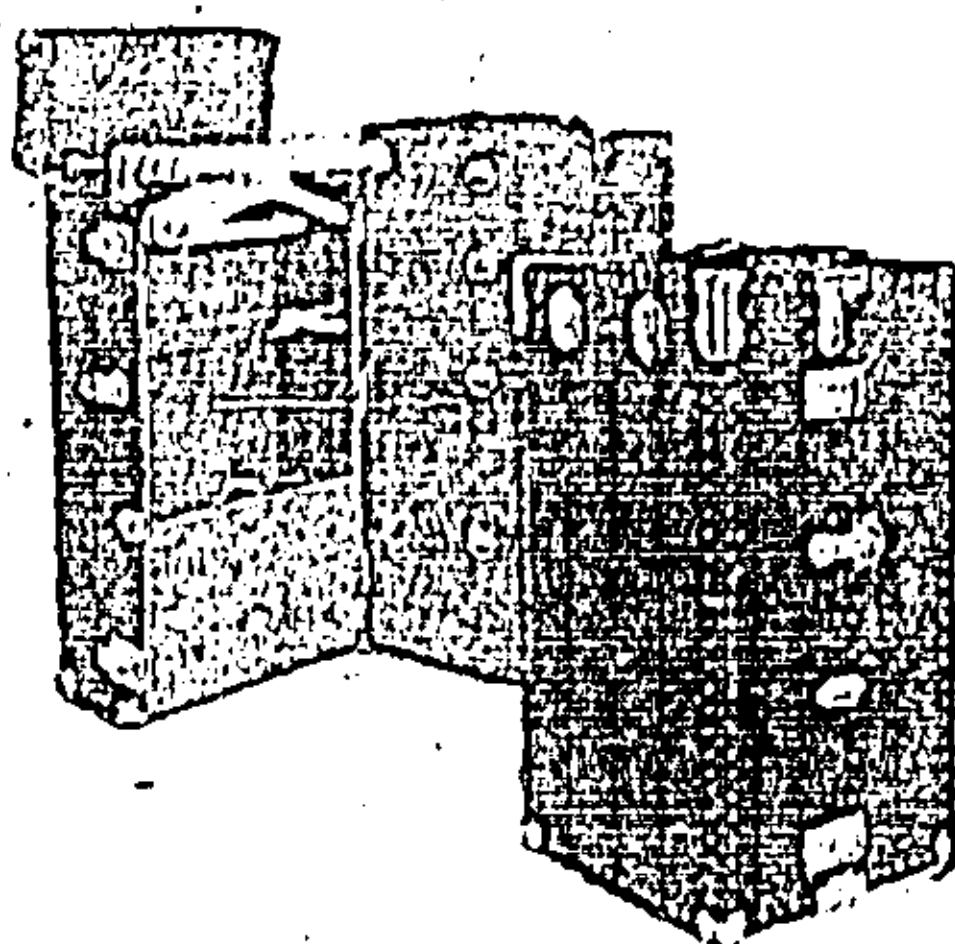
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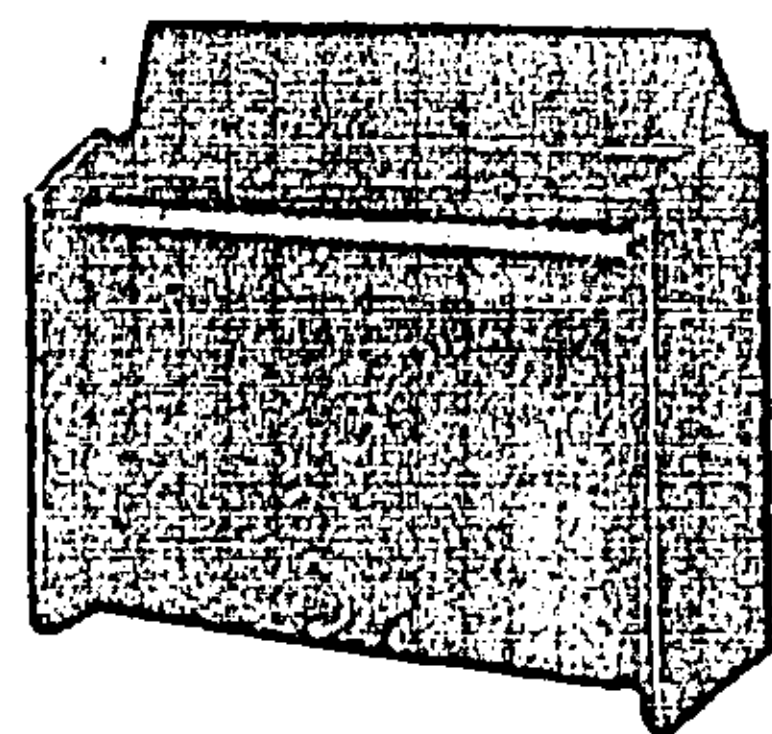


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### Germany and Britain

THERE IS no danger of war between Britain and Germany. That peril does not exist for the good and sufficient reason that there is at present not one valid reason why they should fight.

The treatment of the unfortunate Jews in Germany shocks the English public. But it is recognised as an internal problem, like any other outbreak of crime. The rape of Czechoslovakia may at one time have been a reason for war, but it is past and is no more reason why Germany and Britain should fight than the rape of Abyssinia should now cause an Anglo-Italian conflict.

In any case, we cannot hammer humanity into the Germans with bombs and bullets, even if we have the right to do so.

Nor is there any trace of a real desire by Germany to pursue Britain. There is, of course, some rough language. But that, be it admitted, comes from both sides, for the British Press is not irreproachable.

These observations are made without any regard to the merits of the case. We believe there is plenty of justification for the vituperation that has been poured on Germany by the peoples and newspapers of peace-loving nations. But that fact does not mean that there is going to be war.

Recent outrages by Germany do not differ in severity, though they may differ in scale, from the offences for which Germany has become notorious in the past two years.

So what? We came nearest to war in September last year. But the world is so jittery that tension-to-day is as great as it was six months ago.

### Personal Impression

HOW THE news-reels open up the world and widen the range of human understanding!

Your neighbour says: "I know Mayor La Guardia of New York." You answer, "So do I," although you have never seen the mayor in the flesh. It is the news-reel which has given a personal impression of the man which no amount of reading could have brought.

The news-reel gives the eye a vivid picture of what is happening in the world to-day and gives the mind an understanding of events that cannot be obtained from other sources.

There is the value of the news-reel. It enables the spectator to estimate the many angles in the news first received from the newspapers. And, of course, it is upon understanding that democracy is founded.

It is deplorable, therefore, that censorship should exist in Hongkong to the extent that those remarkable "March of Time" news-reels are so hacked and scissored that many of their subjects are rendered unintelligible. Such an instance occurred last week.

# 'I asked Mussolini questions...'

First of a new series of articles in which questions are put to the Duce by an interpreter - and answered from Mussolini's "My Autobiography."



"I have insisted on being strong. I have laboured to be generous."

**Q.** You signed a pact with Britain to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean. Will you keep to it?

**A.** "On the delicate ground of treaties I explained my position and suggestions in a speech about foreign policy delivered at the Chamber, November 16, 1922.

"I said, then, as I always say, that treaties, whether bad or good, must be carried out. A respectable nation can have no other programme.

"But treaties are neither eternal nor irrevocable. They are chapters of history, not epilogues of history." (p.204.)

**Q.** What do you think of the English?

**A.** "The intellectual life of the Anglo-Saxon interests me especially, because of the organised character of its culture and its scholastic touch and flavour." (p.32.)

**Q.** Your followers cry for Tunis, Corsica, Djibouti, Nice. Why do you want France's colonies?

**A.** "To a nation like ours, powerful and prolific, that has a need of raw materials, of outlets, of markets, and of land on account of the exuberance of its population, only some insignificant rectifications of frontiers were granted when the glut of colonial spoil was passed round (after the war)." (p.212.)

**Q.** What is your colonial policy, then?

**A.** "My colonial policy has a simple affinity with my foreign policy. Even taking into consideration the virtues of our colonising peoples, even remembering all the fine human material we have given for the development of entire regions of the African and American worlds, before the war and after, we had failed to realise the potential possibilities for our colonial programme....

"We missed then (just after the war) that legitimate satisfaction which should have come to us from right and from duty fulfilled during and after the war." (p.212.)

**Q.** Why do you need more colonies? Why did you take Abyssinia?

**A.** "Colonial development would not have been for us merely a logical consequence of our population problem, but would have constituted a formula of solution for our economic situation.

"Even now... this situation has to find its full solution. Our colonies are few, and not all open to extensive improvement. (This was before he took Abyssinia—author)." (p.212.)

"Into these labours to rebuild Italy's peaceful position before the world, and to develop, as duty dictates, every colonial possibility which may help to solve our population problems, I have put my days and some of my sleepless nights." (p.213.)

**Q.** Despite your peaceful protestations you did not forbid your Fascist followers to organise demonstrations before French consulates, demanding French colonies. What is your real opinion of such methods?

**A.** "It is never admissible, in fact, that diplomatic controversies can be twisted or troubled by angry popular demonstrations against embassies or consulates.

"Such disorders belong to an old democratic habit which

**Q.** You have made your Fascists hate France. Did you yourself always hate France?

**A.** "And now (in 1915) while Italy remained out of the war our first legions of volunteers were organised and went to France to fight.... Again the red shirts, once distinguished as the saviours of Italy, now in the land of France testified to the indestructibility of Latinity.

"The past quarrels—not long past—of Mediterranean interests were wiped out.... Everything was off. France was in danger! This I preached and set forth. France was in danger." (pp.43-4.)

**Q.** Why not a political deal with France?

**A.** "Italians... naturally... are realists and the enemies of all forms of political bargaining." (p.41.)

**Q.** You are accused of stirring up Italians in French colonies to oppose France. What is your attitude to Italians in foreign lands?

**A.** "I have sent forth messages of brotherhood and faith to the Italians who live beyond our borders. I did not give them the name of immigrants, because in the past this word had a humiliating meaning, and it seemed in some way to designate an inferior category of men and women. I have been able, I am glad to say, to protect my countrymen without hurting the susceptibilities of other peoples. This protection is founded on international law and good sense in all exchanges between nations." (p.210.)

**Q.** Everybody, from Hitler onwards, says he wants peace. Do you?

**A.** "There are those, no doubt, who regard me, or have once regarded me, as an enemy to the peace of the world. To them there is nothing to say unless to recommend to them my biography for careful reading. The record of facts is worth more than the accusation of fools." (p.201.)

"The foreign policy of Italy, as directed by me, has been sim-

ple, understandable... First, mine is a policy of peace. It is founded not upon words, gestures, and mere paper transactions, but comes from an elevated national prestige and from a whole net-work of agreements and treaties which cement harmony between peoples." (p.211.)

"We are idealists in the sense

## SHADOWS of the VALLEY

"HAS HE really got to go, Lovell?"

"Yes, Miss, 'e 'as; your Pa says 'e 's not the 'orse for you, Missie, and 'e 's about right, too. Can't take 'is corn, 'e can't. Not but what 'e 's a nice little 'orse, like."

Firm friends, these two—the young girl, slim Jodhpored, the gnarled and bowed old groom. Many a comparatively innocent escapade had they concocted from the knowledge of the "Marster."

UPON THE barren ugliness of the Bowington Canal and the stark and hideous melancholy of Morrison Hill the mist is lifting.

Beyond and away there seems to lie the long lost glories of the old hill clothed in leafy verdure surrounding the lovely houses built before the reign of the despot King Cement.

Again the vapour shifted, and again a vision. A pig-tailed little lady turns her gleaming, eager chestnut from the cobbled stable-yard and through the massive old timber gates into the fresh spring beauties of the glorious Middlesex lanes, almost devoid of traffic.

Old Lovell, creakingly mounting, follows on his fine, though ancient, black. Smartly they trot along the lanes, the chestnut, snuffing appreciatively the keen morning air, snatches at his bit. "Ave a care, Missie, 'e 's a mite fresh, like." They turn into the lime-lined, sun-checked ride, and canter out of ken.

THE VALLEY is indeed in shadow; the sun, flouting the mist, cuts the spacious, horseshoe shape in twain. Seven a.m. the peak hour of the day.

Ponies—black, brown, bay, "off-white" grey, and the persistent ugly dun of the wild ancestor. Saddled and rugged mostly, they clatter down from their green-tiled quarters on the hill.

Decile in appearance most of the bystander, arrived alongside, in a flash he turns his quarters and lashes out.

A grey and a brown in single file plod along. The leader takes what seems to be intelligent interest in the watching

Luckily the intended victim, knowing the propensities of the corn-fed Mongolian, has not been too trustful; he quickly sidesteps; which activity, together with a couple of jobs at the miscreant's mouth, by his groom, his evil intent.

That semblance of innocent interest had masked an equine mathematical calculation of distance, and an accurate one. Fresh-faced young enthusiasts, booted and sweltered, mount for the trial.

A little bunch of students of form, complete with stopwatch, line the rails.

Two little beasts, chunky of head, bull-necked but narrow-chested, cow-hocked and hairy-heeled; one undersized and herring-gutted little grey, of such pathetic proportions that it seems a darning sack on the part of the broad-shouldered, large-hipped young six-footer to mount, much less to gallop.

Viewed full front, the rider's chest extends well beyond that of the pony, the whole effect strongly reminiscent of tourist and Egyptian donkey.

No symmetry of proportion, no semblance of "oneness" between horse and rider. But the purpose of the morning is a more prosaic one than to please the critical eye of the beholder.

After the customary squealing, backing and twisting, the six are off and away, pelted round the cinder track. A test of lungs, equine or human. And, malformed as he usually is, the Mongolian can, if he feels inclined, move.

NOW COME the Australians, mostly weedy and tucked-up animals, but one or two splendid creatures. The full, intelligent eye, the fine coat, the springing pastern, the clean fetlock, the lean head, the sparse-haired tail—all eloquent of race.

Bright bay she is, her sloping shoulder gleams as gold. 14.2 she stands, splendidly built. She turns a kind and docile eye upon her pink-faced, waiting owner; he slaps her shining neck; she noses round his well-knit form. Falls evidently! He mounts with ease.

No fidgeting, turning, backing or fretful winching. Both in eager and willing anticipation of whatever the day may bring.

The gallops ended, steeds, heavily breathing, with out-stretched necks enjoy relief of freedom from the pressing bit. Riders dismount, and these too are perhaps a trifle blown, but radiantly cheerful.

I leave them to their respective rubs-down, baths, corn, eggs-and-bacon, oatmeal-water and coffee, and make my way to my own.

ALL MAGIC has now disappeared from the hill. Glaring light on barren rock; arising dust. Wanchat recks—and breakfast waits.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A Class B picture—my mother-in-law!"



# LAWLESSNESS OF THE WORLD

## S. Africa Ready To Combat It

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 27.

"THERE is lawlessness abroad such as has not existed for a life time" declared General Smuts in an address to-day to the United Party.

He continued: "I feel we have suffered immeasurable loss in the downfall of the League of Nations. I am afraid the position may worsen, and I think we shall not emerge from the anarchy reign of brutal Powers until we have brought back to the round-table, the peoples of the world."

"South Africa was taken by surprise, but she is doing her best to repair the omissions. As far as finances allow, and as far as we are assisted by Britain with the necessary weapons, we will move as fast as we can to put our house in order, and to watch our coasts in the air, and on the veldt."

"It is essential to keep the closest touch with our friends and associates in the British Commonwealth, but the surest shield for the independence of South Africa is the Royal Navy. Our freedom may be fought out on the ocean."

General Smuts concluded by saying that he did not despair. He believed that if they were determined to be just and fair, then finally they might hammer out some new order of things which would avoid the threatened destruction of civilisation.

—*Reuter Special.*

### ROY HOWARD'S VIEWS

New York, Mar. 27.

The New York "World Telegram" to-day gives front page play to an unmeasured dispatch from Mr. Roy Howard, Chairman of the Scripps-Howard newspapers who is at present in Paris.

"Hope for European peace lies in the Italian's dislike of an alliance with Hitler," said Mr. Howard.

The "World Telegram" also quotes an editorial from Mr. Howard, which says although he sounded a warning, Mussolini "left the door open for peace." He indicated that a peaceful solution is still possible although it may not remain so for ever."

In his dispatch from Paris, Mr. Howard says "Before peace can successfully thrive the realism of democracies must be put to a severe test. They must decide if they are willing to differentiate between dictators, whether in order to avoid war, they are willing to attempt with Mussolini the policy of appeasement which failed so completely with Hitler."—*United Press.*

### MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH

## Reactions In United States

New York, Mar. 27.

THE NEW YORK "Herald-Tribune" warns against accepting the Duce's address as "moderate."

It points out that Hitler's moderate address on January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia. "Mussolini's pronouncement leaves the whole question open and ominous. It is a conventional example of an established technique," the Tribune declares.

The paper adds that none of the positive statements in the speech deserves the term "conciliatory" and that the address leaves Europe as it was before, lacking real security but apparently saved for the moment from a new crisis.—*United Press.*

The New York "Times" states: "The speech leaves Europe lacking real security, but it is apparently saved from a new crisis."—*Reuter.*

### WASHINGTON IMPRESSED

Washington, Mar. 27.

The conciliatory tenor of Signor Mussolini's speech has favourably impressed officialdom and financial circles here inasmuch as it apparently opens the door for Franco-Italian conversations towards a possible solution of the Italian claims.

Most reliable sources here say that these have now been rendered easier through tactful presentations. Senator Claude Pepper, who often acts as spokesman for the Administration's foreign affairs, says that Mussolini's speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis is possible.—*United Press.*

## Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

wiggley      mezanine  
goggmog      heritable  
gullibility      floriferous  
English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

## THE TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

### Rumania Informs Britain Of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 27.

IN A STATEMENT in the House of Commons on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Rumanian Government had informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement contained no political clause, and that Rumania had not signed away her economic independence.

At the end of his statement, Mr. Chamberlain said that extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade, and the promotion of better relations between the two countries was a matter to which His Majesty's Government attached the greatest importance.

BRITISH MISSION GOING  
In this connection, the Premier mentioned the recent decision to dispatch a British Commercial Mission.

"The Rumanian Government is still anxious that the mission shall proceed, and of course, that is our intention," declared the Premier.

Rumania's agreement with Germany was in the nature of a comprehensive programme, Mr. Chamberlain continued, and its precise effect in practice would depend on the manner in which its provisions were carried out.

They must await developments before coming to any definite conclusion.

It appeared that Germany would co-operate in the development of existing Rumanian industries, and in the setting up of new ones, particularly in the field of agriculture, forestry and mining.—*Reuter.*

### NO RETRIBUTION

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answered in the affirmative when asked for an assurance that a review of the position necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation did not involve any retributive economic measures against Germany.

Mr. Butler added that he would give consideration to the suggestion that his statement be included in the German broadcasts from this country in view of the propaganda being made inside Germany to the effect that Britain was endeavouring to secure the economic strangulation of Germany.

NO MEMEL PROTEST  
Replying to another question, Mr. Butler stated that His Majesty's Government had made no protest respecting Memel.

Asked whether, in view of the deterioration of the international situation, steps should be taken forthwith to enlarge the British army, Sir Victor Warrender said that the requirements in the present situation were under consideration.

Mr. Chamberlain gave a similar reply when asked what alterations were contemplated in defence arrangements.—*Reuter.*

RUMANIA'S ACTION DEFENDED  
Bucharest, Mar. 27.  
A defence of Rumania's action in the recent crisis was made by M. Calinescu, the Rumanian Premier, in addressing the Supreme Council of the National Front to-day.

He said that Rumania was determined to defend her territory, and in the recent trade talks with Germany, the question of her independence was not raised, or she would have broken off negotiations.

Last autumn, Rumania was approached and invited to invade Ruthenia, but she refused.

When mobilisation was ordered recently, Rumania notified the Powers that she had decided to defend her territory, and had called several classes to the colours.

M. Gafencu, who followed, said that Rumania's relations with Poland and the Balkan Entente allies had recently been strengthened. He particularly mentioned the assurances received from Turkey during the recent crisis, and added that Rumania had been surprised by Count Ciesky's speech of March 23. He said that Rumania was not frightened by Ciesky, and did not intend to follow his type of argument.—*Reuter.*

### BRITAIN'S POLICY

London, Mar. 27.

In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain renounced the Munich methods and shied away at the Labour Party's suggestions that Britain should join the United States in economic retaliation against the "disturbances of peace," to which suggestion he made no reply.

However, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler said the Government was unable to consider such a move, because the United States offer of co-operation in economic activities of the League of Nations did not include such action.

Mr. Chamberlain told the Labour member Mr. Sorensen, that it would not "serve any useful purpose" for him to make contact again with Mr. Chamberlain.

He said Rumania had assured Britain that the German trade agree-

## Japan To Have Television

TOKYO, Mar. 28.  
AS A prelude to the projected inauguration of television service in Japan in May, successful test broadcasts were made on Monday at the Research Institute of the Japan Broadcasting Association.

Prince Haruhito Kanin, son of Field-Marshal Prince Kotohito Kanin, Chief of the Army General Staff, was among the guests of honour invited to witness the test broadcasts.—*Domet.*

## Enough Bovril For Any Emergency

### Chairman's Revelation At Annual Meeting

Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd., held in London, recently, the Lord Luke, K.C.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home in October he noticed in the papers a photograph of a collection of various packets of food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute.

The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to have a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got stocks to get what was available in the shops.

### BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES

In September last year, Bovril Ltd. and its associates had in England about two years' normal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was obviously more difficult to cope with last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would see to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually to-day the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

The Company would endeavour to see to it that the supplies of Bovril for ordinary everyday use as a beverage, for cooking, and for use in illness or convalescence, were sufficient, and they would actually be helped in this if people who could afford to lay in supplies laid them in and maintained them as a matter of course, without waiting for an emergency to arise.

INCREASED BOVRIL EXPORTS  
In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year.

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-Chairman), said: "The world is in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through at every point during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, it was easy to handle, it kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity. It was very gratifying to know that their product was well received all over the world."

## Northampton Man Dies

The death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital last night of Charles Read, an employee of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Death was due to cardiac asthma.

The late Mr. Read was born in 1904 and came to the Colony in 1925, following his discharge from the Royal Artillery, to join the Hongkong Police Force. He left the Force in 1927 and then became associated with a number of firms including the St. Francis Hotel, Kwong Lok Wharf and Godown Co., Messrs. Leigh and Orange, Messrs. Millington, Ltd., the New Zealand Perpetual Forests, Vibro Piling Co., Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone and Co., the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. and the Macao Waterworks.

A native of Northampton, he had been with the R.A.O.C. for only a few weeks. He is survived by his widow and children, all of whom are in the Colony.

The funeral takes place at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

ment did not contain any political clause.

Mr. Butler said the Government had not considered the possibility of an economic boycott of Germany. He also said they had not protested the occupation of Memel.

Meanwhile European tension has slackened notably on account of the moderate tone of Mussolini's speech although an undertone of apprehension continues on account of the obscurity of Hitler's intentions.—*United Press.*

## DOMINIONS MAY TAKE OVER OWN DEFENCE SERVICE

LONDON, Mar. 27.  
THE FORMIDABLE growth of German dominance in Europe lends heightened importance to the April 14 Defence Conference to be held at Wellington, the New Zealand capital.

Faced with Britain's pre-occupation in Europe, both the antipodean Dominions must now reckon more than ever with the imperative necessity of making their own defences self-reliant.

The United Kingdom's delegates to Wellington will undoubtedly explore means of assuring the maximum dominion contribution to the security of the British Isles.

Whereas the Dominions would be able largely to trust to their own home sources for food in wartime, Britain herself would be obliged to import 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily for 365 days a year.

EMPIRE SECURITY  
Britain feels, moreover, that the Dominions owe an important contribution to the safety of the Motherland which provides the Navy for the Empire's security as well as the Imperial Airlines postal and other services at the cost of the British taxpayer.

Canada is regarded as being safe; South Africa is considered capable of repelling any serious raids from Germany or Italy while India is deemed to be out of reach of mass attacks from the axis powers. Australia and New Zealand, although remote from Japan, are nevertheless admitted to be more exposed to bombardment and invasion owing to their long coastlines and isolated positions.—*United Press.*

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

| BANKS                       |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| H.K. Banks \$.....          | 1.380 b. |
| H.K. Banks Ltd. \$.....     | 85 n.    |
| Chartered \$.....           | 8 1/2 n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. \$..... | 27 n.    |
| Mercantile, C. \$.....      | 13 n.    |
| East Asia \$.....           | 80 n.    |

| INSURANCES                |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Canton \$.....            | 220 b.   |
| Union \$.....             | 475 s.   |
| China Underwriter \$..... | 1 1/2 n. |
| H.K. Fire \$.....         | 183 n.   |

| SHIPPING               |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Douglas \$.....        | 60 1/2 b. |
| Steamboats \$.....     | 13 s.     |
| Indo-China P. \$.....  | 24 n.     |
| Indo-China D. \$.....  | 24 n.     |
| Shell Bearers s/-..... | 83/0 n.   |
| Waterboats \$.....     | 9 n.      |

| DOCKS ETC.                |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Wharves \$.(x.d.).....    | 111 1/2 n. |
| Docks \$.(x.d.).....      | 10 1/2 b.  |
| Providents (x.d.) \$..... | 4.85 n.    |
| New Eng. Sh. \$.....      | 6.70 n.    |
| Shu. Docks, Sh. \$.....   | 10 1/2 n.  |

| MINING                     |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Kallan s/-.....            | 18/- n.    |
| Ray's \$.....              | 8 n.       |
| Venz's Goldfield \$.....   | 15 n.      |
| Hongkong Mines cts.....    | 35 sa.     |
| Antamoks Ps. \$.....       | 41 sa.     |
| Atoks Ps. (x.d.) \$.....   | 35 sa.     |
| Bagulo Gold Ps. \$.....    | 12.50 sa.  |
| Benguet Cons. Ps. \$.....  | 12.50 sa.  |
| Coco Mines Ps. \$.....     | 24 sa.     |
| Con. Mines Ps. \$.....     | 0.03 sa.   |
| Demonstrations Ps. \$..... | 12 1/2 sa. |
| I.X.L. Ps. \$.....         | 61 sa.     |
| Gumaus Ps. \$.....         | 17 sa.     |
| San Mauricio Ps. \$.....   | 198 sa.    |
| Suyoc Consul Ps. \$.....   | 10 sa.     |
| Paracules Ps. \$.....      | 71 sa.     |

| LANDS                  |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Hotels \$.....         | 5 1/2 b. |
| Lands \$.....          | 36 s.    |
| Lands 4% deb. \$.....  | 104 n.   |
| Shai Lands Sh. \$..... | 8.89 n.  |
| Humphreys \$.....      | 8.85 n.  |
| H.K. Realities \$..... | 4.40 b.  |
| Chinese Estate \$..... | 100 n.   |

| UTILITIES                  |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Trams \$.....              | 16.20 b.  |
| Peak Trams (old) \$.....   | 8 n.      |
| Peak Trams (new) \$.....   | 4 n.      |
| Star Ferries \$.....       | 0.74 s.   |
| Y. Ferries (old) \$.....   | 2.44 sa.  |
| Y. Ferries (new) \$.....   | 2.44 sa.  |
| China Lights (old) \$..... | 8.10 b.   |
| China Lights (new) \$..... | 6 1/2 n.  |
| H.K. Electric \$.....      | 50 b.     |
| Macao Electric \$.....     | 18 1/2 n. |
| Sandakan Lights \$.....    | 12 n.     |
| Telephones (old) \$.....   | 7.23 b.   |
| Telephones (new) \$.....   | 7.23 b.   |
| Traction s/-.....          | 23/- n.   |
| Traction (Pref.) s/-.....  | 23/0 n.   |

| INDUSTRIAL                     |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Cald. Macg. (ord.) Sh. \$..... | 14 n.     |
| Cald. Macg. (Pre.) Sh. \$..... | 13 n.     |
| Canton Ice \$.....             | 13 1/2 b. |
| Cement \$.....                 | 13 1/2 b. |
| H.K. Ropes \$.....             | 4 b.      |

| STORES, &c.                        |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dairy Farms (ex. ris) \$.....      | 21 n.           |
| Dairy Farms (ris.) \$ 15% b. & sa. | Watsons \$..... |
| Watsons \$.....                    | 8.10 n.         |
| Lane Crawford's \$.....            | 8 n.            |
| Sinceres \$.....                   | 1.80 n.         |

## £10-a-head in Australia

SYDNEY, Mar. 27.  
AUSTRALIA is to spend £63,000,000—equal to nearly £10 per inhabitant—by the year 1940-41 on strengthening her defences.

The Australian Navy vote is to be £15,000,000 to £20,000,000; the Army vote from £11,012,000 to £18,704,000; and the Air Force bill from £12,612,000 to £10,444,000.

The Australian Air Force has placed orders for bombers in Britain and the United States, and will soon total 212 warplanes. Its personnel will increase by 800 men a year for the next three years.

The standing army has been doubled—from 10,000 men to 20,000. In addition, a campaign, recently launched by Mr. Lyons, Federal Premier, to recruit a militia of 80,000 men, is expected to be completed in a few days.

## VITAL FRENCH DECREES

PARIS, Mar. 27.

A SERIES of important decrees concerning national defence were decided upon at a meeting of the Council of Ministers to-day.

They include a decree to increase navy effectiveness, a decree amending the law governing naval recruiting, a decree for increasing the number of naval engineer effectiveness, a decree in relation to frontier defence, all the details of which are undisclosed, and a decree for industrial mobilisation.

At the same meeting, M. Bonnet made a statement regarding the international situation, and gave an account of his recent diplomatic conversations in London.—*Reuter.*

### FLOOD HAVOC

Family Wiped Out In British Columbia

Dawson Creek, Brit.

Columbia, Mar. 27.  
Eight members of one family were drowned when an ice jam at the junction of the Pine and Murray Rivers in north-eastern British Columbia flooded a wide area of ranchlands.—*United Press.*

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The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed very quiet on continued light trading. Prices were unchanged and fractionally down. San Mauricio declined 2 centavos to show the biggest loss, while I.X.L. rose 1 centavo to register the only gain. Atok went ex-dividend to close 1/2 centavo lower, as did Big Wedge. Benguet Consolidated also went ex-dividend to remain unchanged. Yesterday's volume in Pesos was 262,000.

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# RUMJAHN COUSINS ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF DOUBLES COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESUMES WITH FOUR GOOD TIES

(By "Abe")

Hold up for several days by rain last week, the Colony Tennis Championships resumed on the Hongkong C.C. courts yesterday with a programme of singles and doubles matches. The stand court was utilised for the first time in the current tournament, the match chosen for the opening being the quarter-final doubles tie between the Rumjahn cousins and two club-mates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu.



I. M. A. Razack (left) and A. R. Minu provided the opposition for the Rumjahn cousins yesterday in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis doubles championship. The match, which opened the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club, was won by the cousins in straight sets.—Staff Photographer.

All four players being from the Indian R.C., the match naturally lost a bit of its interest. Nevertheless some good play was seen, with each pair shining in turn. While sustained rallies were few and far between, there were some snappy volleying duels, which were the chief feature of the match. Hard hitting also made the match entertaining to watch.

The cousins, as expected, won but not before their opponents had given a fairly good account of themselves. Had they not made as many mistakes as they did, Razack and Minu would have put up a much better fight, but a great weakness of theirs was to win a splendid rally only to lose the next point by a lamentable mistake.

Though they scored winners on many occasions with crisp volleys, the Rumjahns were not as reliable off the ground as usual; yet their game was sound enough to enable them to win by 6-4, 7-5.

## OTHER MATCHES

In the other doubles match of the day, E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson played well enough to take the first set from Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, but thereafter they were out-classed by the better-balanced Chinese pair, who conceded only four games in the next two sets.

What was expected to be the best singles encounter of the day, between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, was not played, the latter conceding a walk-over to his erstwhile doubles partner.

A Crawford game was too sound all round for Peter U., whose inexperience left loop-holes for the Kowloon C.C. player to break through. Crawford won the first set to love before the Chinese could settle down. There was a more even battle in the second set, but Crawford also won this after ten games.

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The stand-court attraction to-day is the doubles match between the

## Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

### Open Singles

A. Crawford beat Peter U. 6-0, 6-4.  
J. M. Tomlinson beat Lam Kwan 6-3, 7-5.  
Ho Ka-lau received a walk-over from W. C. Hung.

### Open Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu 6-4, 7-5.  
Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson 5-7, 6-2.

Tsui brothers, holders of the title, and Omar Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain. The Tsuis should win fairly comfortably, but will probably have to play good tennis to do so.

The following is the programme:  
Open Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul v. O. Rumjahn and S. A. Hussain (stand court); Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. L. D. C. Misra and L. S. M. Atzal.

Handicap Singles.—H. J. Armstrong v. R. M. M. King; H. D. Bidwell v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Doubles.—F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden v. H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beavan v. T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig.

## Here And There With "Abe"

### Chinese Soccerites Have Good Week-End

THE week-end was a triumph for Chinese footballers in Hongkong. On Saturday, South China "A" defeated Kowloon by three goals to nil in the First Division of the League, and with the two points gained, have overtaken the Royal Navy, who have had the lead for so many months. Thus the South China "A" need only a draw in their last match with the sailors to win the League Championship, which was carried off by the "B" team last year. On top of the South China success, the Chinese even won the Lal Wab Cup on Sunday, beating the Civilians by four goals to two. This trophy is only the first of the many which I think the Chinese will carry off this year. The South China "A" have not only a great opportunity of winning the League but the Shield as well, their opponents in the final being the Police, who surprisingly defeated them in the League a fortnight ago. Then there is the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup, in which the Chinese will play the Portuguese in the final. I am sure the Portuguese players will not feel offended if one were to say that the Chinese are expected to win. The Kowloon Cup too may go to the Chinese, who on present form seem an immeasurably better team than either the Navy or the Army.

country. Weeks ago when they were under the relegation shadow—they still are, as a matter of fact—Portsmouth players said "Hang the League! We'll get away from the bottom of the table all right, and you'll see us at Wembley." The latter part has been fulfilled, and the team is now fourth from the bottom—not yet out of danger, but the confidence is there.

### Wolves' Task

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers, the team of the year, have a great chance to equal a 42-year-old record. Not since 1896-97 has a club won the league championship and the F.A. Cup in the same season. There is no reason why Wolverhampton who last won the Cup 31 years ago, should not emulate Aston Villa's feat this season. They have been the only team to run true to form in the F.A. Cup up to date, and have a great chance of beating Portsmouth in the final. In the League, the Wolves at the moment are three points behind Everton, who will doubtless strain every nerve to hold their present advantage now that they have lost all interest in the Cup. Arsenal and Huddersfield, in their great years, found the double too elusive for them, but the Wolves are in the happy position of being able to call upon an apparently never-ending stream of youngsters to fill first-team vacancies. Young Mullen is a notable example. Unknown to the foot-ball world a few weeks ago, he was at the age of 16, pitchforked into an important League match. Now he has played several times, including the cup-tie against Everton. He made history by being the youngest player ever to have taken part in an F.A. cup-tie.

### Ahead Of Schedule

NOT due to arrive here until Friday, the Straits Chinese football tourists, who have been paying a visit to Manila, look most likely to surprise yesterday by arriving in Hongkong by the Boeing Clipper. The reason for their sudden departure from Manila was that the China Clipper, by which they had booked to travel from Manila to Hongkong, had been delayed, and instead of leaving Manila on March 21, she was not due to leave until April 2. The arrangements made with the South China A.A. were that the Straits team would play matches in Hongkong on April 1, 2 and 3, and thus if the visitors waited, or the China Clipper, they would have to miss two matches here. Rather than do that—they have to be back in Singapore on April 12 at the latest and so cannot remain in Hongkong later than April 6 or 7—they decided to cancel two matches in Manila. The decision to catch the Boeing Clipper, which left Manila yesterday morning, was a last-minute one. The Straits team played a match on Sunday night and arrangements for their departure were completed after the game. Mr. John Then, player-manager-coach of the visiting side, told me yesterday that his boys were very keen to play in Hongkong, and did not like to miss coming here. They play good soccer, these Straits lads, and should be popular with local enthusiasts. Their record of four wins and one defeat against the best teams of Manila is perhaps sufficient testimony of their quality.

### F.A. Cup Final

SO Wolves and Portsmouth are to meet at Wembley for the F.A. Cup final. The Wolves won handsomely against Grimsby on Saturday by five goals to nil, but Portsmouth only just got through by the odd goal in three in their tie with Huddersfield. The meeting of the two teams at Wembley had been expected immediately after the semi-final draw had been announced; and so it has turned out. The final may be described as the "grand final" as Portsmouth have recently followed the example of Wolverhampton and gone in for grand treatment for their players. The Portsmouth lads must be convinced now that there is something in a treatment which once aroused the ridicule of the

### Bowls In Shanghai

LAWN Bowls League competition in Shanghai during the coming season is almost certain to revert to the time-honoured basis of two divisions with teams comprising three rinks each. Owing to the unusual circumstances that prevailed last year, it was found necessary to conduct only one division while teams consisted of four rinks each. The feeling is now prevalent in most clubs, however, and especially among those who play in the Shanghai L.B.A., held last week, the old basis of two divisions with teams of three rinks each will be adopted.

### Sports Magazine

THE second issue of Sportsman, the new weekly sporting magazine, made its appearance over the week-end. Well-printed on good paper, the new number contains articles on tennis, football, cricket, golf and boxing and other material of interest to all sportsmen. The magazine is sold for ten cents a copy.

### Drawn Match In Rugby League

London, Mar. 27. In the Rugby League, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone played a drawn game to-day, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

### Local Cycling

## H. A. G. KEATES SUCCEEDS IN RECORD ATTEMPT

Two record attempts were made by members of the Hongkong Cycling Club during the week-end. On March 25, R. H. McDowell unsuccessfully attempted to establish new figures from 55 to 100 miles, whilst on March 26, H. A. G. Keates lowered C. Cottrell's 3½ months' old 54 miles Tourist record on the Kowloon Circuit by 15 mins. 6 secs. Both riders contended with unfavourable weather in the shape of cold and strong wind, McDowell also suffering heavy rain.

McDowell made a good start and returned 14 mins. 28 secs. at 5 miles, then slowed to clock 29.49, at the 10 miles check. He decided to retire, however, on reaching the 15 miles point in 44 mins. 27 secs. and intends making a further attempt in the near future.

Keates was started from the Alhambra Theatre at 8.42 a.m. for his successful ride. A slow start was made over the hilly section to Tai-po, only 15½ miles being covered in the first hour. In two hours, 33½ miles had been covered, a strong following wind over the Fanling-Tai-po section being responsible for the increase to 18½ miles in the second hour. The third hour produced 15½ miles, the remaining 4½ miles taking up 18 mins. 39 secs. A gear of 74" was used, and no mechanical trouble experienced.

Times taken at the 5-miles' points were as follows: the section time being given in brackets.—5 miles—20.18; 10 miles—39.44; (19.26); 15 miles—57.22; (17.38); 20 miles—1.14.00; (16.38); 25 miles—1.30.41; (16.41); 30 miles—1.47.36; (16.55); 35 miles—2.04.39; (17.03); 40 miles—2.22.16; (17.37); 45 miles—2.40.03; (17.47); 50 miles—3.01.13; (21.10); 54 miles—3.16.39; (17.16).

No social activities were promoted by the Club during the past week. This week's programme includes, however, a 2-hours' training spin on Wednesday, March 29, from the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wan-chai, at 6 p.m. sharp, and on Sunday next a social run which will leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. for Shataukok, via Fanling.

Thirteen riders have been invited and handicapped for the 50 miles event over the Kowloon Circuit on April 10. Full details will be announced later.

## Badminton To Have Its Davis Cup

By Ulysses Rogers

London, Mar. 2. The Davis Cup in lawn tennis is to have its badminton counterpart. It will be fought for by the seven nations incorporated in the Badminton Federation.

Famous badminton, tennis and chess player Sir George Thomas, a vice-president of the English Badminton Association, told me that the offer of a cup had been made.

He did not say who was the donor. It is Sir George himself. The trophy will probably be called the Thomas Cup.

There are 1,325 clubs in the association, sixty-five more than last year. These are affiliated. Their members number 40,000. In some counties only 10 per cent. of the clubs are affiliated.

International tours, as in tennis, will now be the order of the day. A team of four men and two women are to make a six months' tour to Australia, stopping at Malaya, and Canada on the return trip.

## Coach May Travel With British Track Team To America

(By R. Maillard Stead)

London. When a squad of ten British track athletes visits New York in mid-July, it may differ from all previous such parties by having with it a paid coach. For prominent officials of the English Amateur Athletic Association are urging in the council-chamber that Britain should depart from her customary method of team preparation and should fall into line with other countries by engaging the services of an expert trainer, charged with the duties of putting final touches to the selected athletes' training and advising them as they go into competition. Official decision on the subject is not expected for several weeks.

About six months ago the governing body of track and field athletics in England was promised by the Grants Committee of the National Fitness Council an allotment of money sufficient to pay for three years 75 per cent. of the salaries for three national coaches. And presumably the coach selected to go to the United States, if any, would be one of these gentlemen. They have yet to be appointed.

Although the coach in British athletics is nothing like the dominating, authoritative figure that he is in America, there are some very highly-thought-of trainers here at the present time. Such as "Bill" Thomas, coach at Oxford University and trainer of Jack Lovelock, celebrated New Zealand miler; Alec Nelson, coach at Cambridge University and the man responsible in no small measure for the successes of the great Light Blue Olympic victors, Lord Burghley, Douglas Lowe, Robert Tisdall, Albert G. Hill, who advises the famous Sydney Wooderson—Hill is now acting as coach to the London Athletic Club, Polytechnic Harriers and Blackheath Harriers—and Franz Stamp, an Austrian who came to Britain in the summer of 1937 to study the technique of Britain's middle distance runners and remained to become an instructor in great demand.

### NO. 1 COACH

Stamp, you can describe as Field Events Coach No. 1 in Britain. He is teaching the jumpers and throwers at both Oxford and Cambridge, where preparations are intensifying for the annual inter-varsity sports at the White City Stadium, March 18; he is conducting classes at the City of London School under the aegis of the Southern Committee of the Amateur Athletic Association; and he has two engagements a week with the South London Harriers, one at their indoor school at Greenwich and the other at their cross-country headquarters at Coulsdon, Surrey. He has also been a coach at Loughborough College, Leicestershire, during the A.A.A. summer School there.

Loughborough College, of which my friend, Capt. F. A. M. Webster, is the Athletics "head," is itself an establishment that produces coaches, games masters, physical training leaders, and welfare supervisors.

The 1939 British track and field season will get going in May and, owing to the visit of 10 star athletes to the U.S.A., the Amateur Athletic Association's annual championships have been brought forward a week—to July 6 and 7. Of recent years

## To-night's Badminton Programme

A good badminton programme has been arranged for to-night at Talkeo in the Colony Championships.

The programme will commence at 8 p.m. with the Men's Junior Singles semi-final match between D. Kwok and P. Lo, to be followed at 8.30 with the Mixed Doubles semi-final between P. K. Hui and Miss Ulan Khoo, the holders, and K. L. Yong and Miss W. Cheung. At 9 p.m. the other Mixed Doubles semi-final tie, between C. Au and Miss A. C. Remedios, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva will be played.

The men's doubles semi-final between P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim, of the University, and C. Au and F. Koh, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., originally arranged for to-morrow at the Club de Recreo, has been postponed to Wednesday, April 5 on the same court. Lim is indisposed.

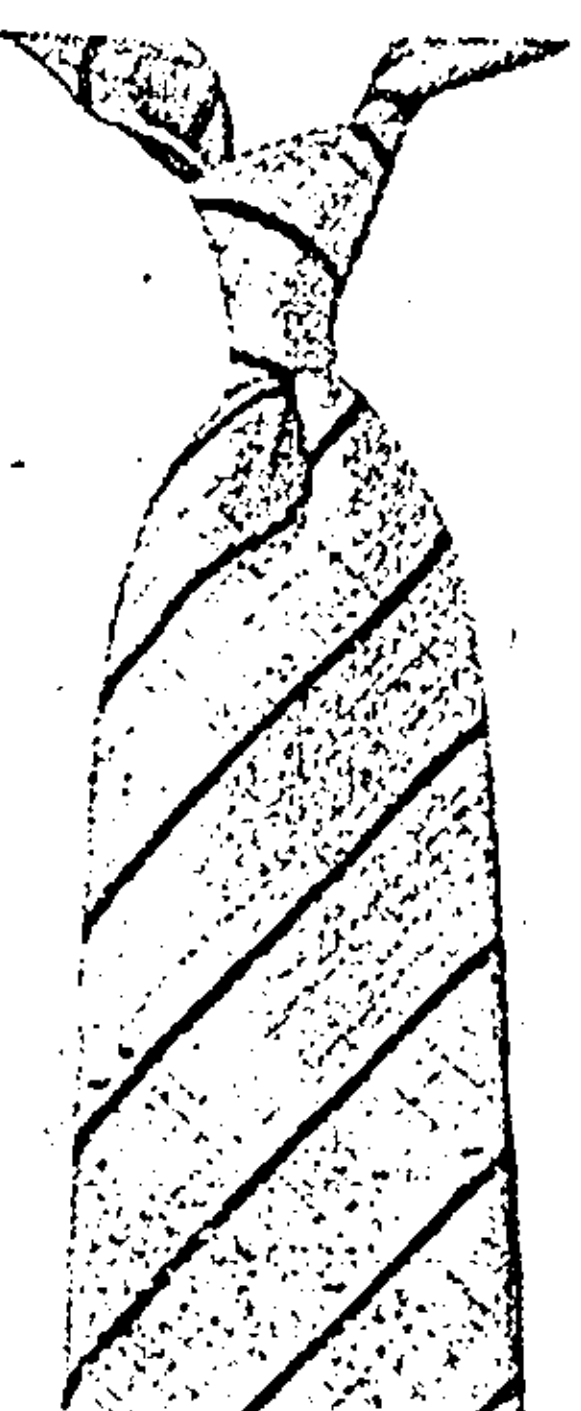
## NATIONAL WINNER WELCOMED

Dublin, Mar. 27. A great welcome was extended to the horse Workman, which won the Grand National, when it arrived to-day in Dublin.

Hundreds of dockers cheered as the horse left the ship, and a band accompanied Workman as it proceeded through the streets of Dublin to entrain for County Kildare.

Upon arrival at Kildare, where business was suspended for the day, two bands and thousands of the inhabitants accompanied the horse to its training quarters.—Reuter.

athletics have become very much more popular as a spectacle than formerly. And nowadays a big meeting always means a big crowd.



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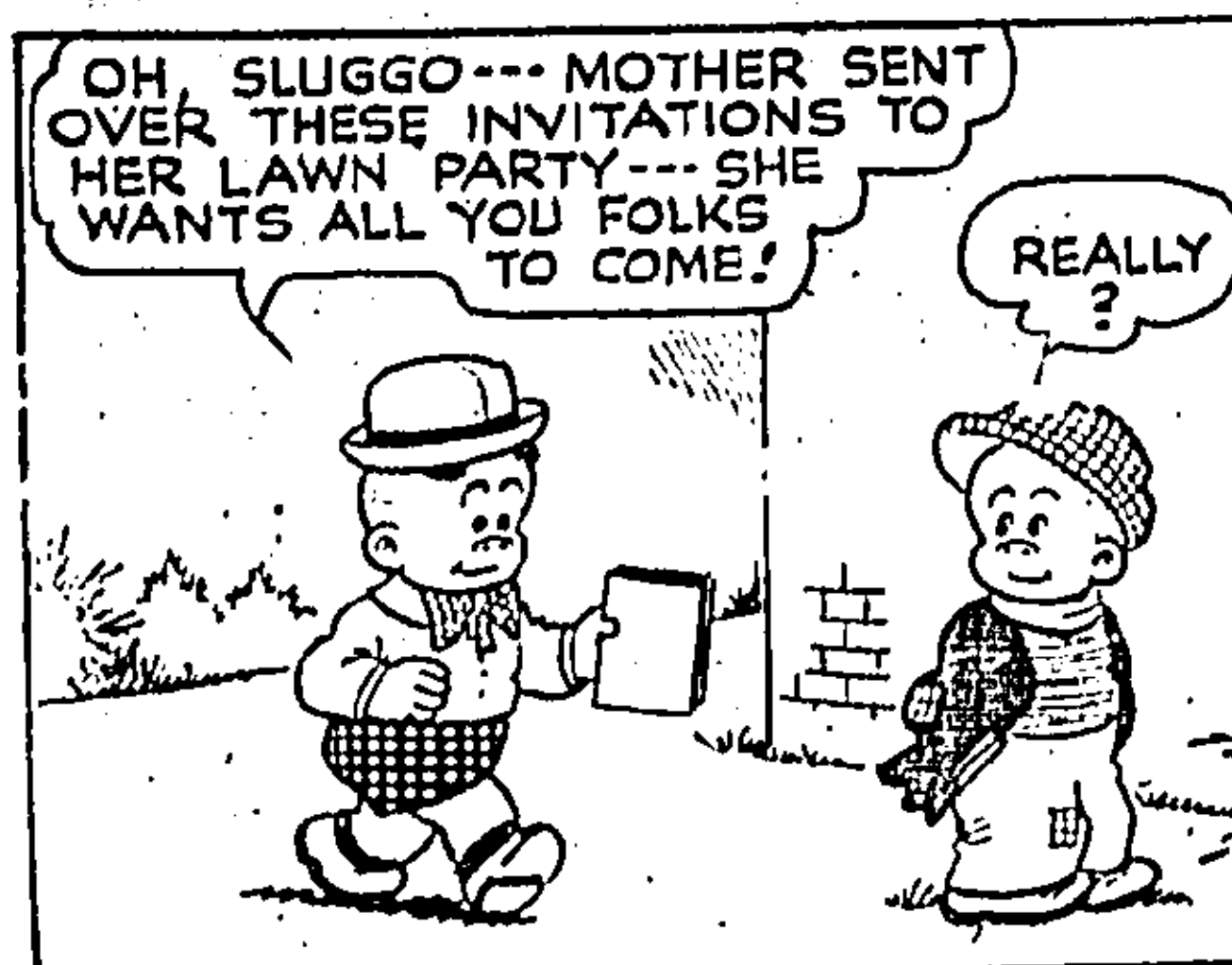
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Sunday's Shoot Given Bisley Atmosphere

### Attendance Better Than Anticipated: Two New Members

The attendance at the shoot on Sunday morning was far better than anticipated, there being about 122 members out for the team's spoon, and pool ball shoots.

With a view to the forthcoming prize meeting, the programme was arranged to include one or two minor Bisley Rules, giving those members not familiar with Bisley conditions a slight Bisley atmosphere. The sudden firing points were the cause of many bad shots, and many promising scores were ruined by a disastrous wind at 600 yards.

The team shoot was won by the Stonecutters Naval Range Staff by a short lead from the Middlesex Regiment "A" team.

The troopship Lancashire has brought two new members in Lieuts. Otway and Russell of the Royal Engineers who started well—the former scoring a pool ball and the latter, who is a winner of the Sunday Times Public Schoolboys' Prize, scored 88 with S.R. (a) Rifle. The Troopship is taking away one of the most popular members, Marine Heather, who after he had presented the prizes yesterday voiced his regret at having to leave the Colony though he was not going to make a clean out from the H.K.R.A. as he was hoping to represent the Home Branch at Bisley this year.

L/Cpl. Bright, S.R. (a), with two scores of 33 failed at 800 yards, scoring only 17 thus spoiling what might have been a really good S.R. (a) score.

Leading scores of the Sunday Shoot were as follows:

| Sgt. G. Roberts (S)            | 200 | 500 | 600 | Tls. |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Sgt. A. J. Seckler (Ser.)      | 31  | 33  | 30  | 94   |
| Sgt. P. Hale (Ser.)            | 32  | 33  | 29  | 94   |
| Sgt. L. B. J. B. Mearns (Ser.) | 31  | 31  | 31  | 93   |
| Sgt. L. C. C. Dawson (S)       | 31  | 32  | 30  | 93   |
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| Sgt. L. C. C. Dawson (S)       | 31  | 32  | 30  | 93   |
| Sgt. V. Cooper (Ser.)          | 32  | 32  | 29  | 93   |
| Sgt. K. C. Wong (S)            | 31  | 29  | 32  | 92   |

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| Sgt. N. Dunville (S)      | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. A. C. Chan (S)       | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. F. Russell (S)       | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. P. G. Heather (Ser.) | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. S. Croft (S)         | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. W. Thompson (S)      | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. G. Geary (S)         | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. W. E. Davey (S)      | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. F. Dunster (S)       | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. H. D. (S)            | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. M. F. O. Menden (S)  | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. A. L. Hopkin (S)     | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. H. J. S. Blake (S)   | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. S. S. Winch (S)      | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |
| Sgt. F. C. C. Quah (S)    | 31 | 32 | 32 | 95 |

| R.N. Rec. Staff | 200    | 500    | 600    | Tls.   |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mid. "A"        | 102.65 | 103.66 | 100.14 | 576.45 |
| Police (R) C.C. | 103.00 | 102.64 | 103.99 | 599.63 |
| H.K. Police     | 102.25 | 106.07 | 176.00 | 524.32 |
| Dockyard R.C.   | 102.30 | 103.42 | 178.40 | 544.11 |
| Mid. "B"        | 102.07 | 102.04 | 150.57 | 522.68 |

| Capt. F. P. Sequeira (Ser.) | 35 | 31 | 35 | 101 |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Capt. H. V. Morris (S)      | 35 | 32 | 31 | 98  |
| Sgt. P. G. Heather (Ser.)   | 32 | 33 | 33 | 98  |
| Sgt. M. R. Milne (S)        | 32 | 35 | 30 | 97  |
| Sgt. C. G. Ruben (S)        | 31 | 32 | 34 | 97  |
| Sgt. W. Nunn (S)            | 31 | 32 | 34 | 97  |
| Capt. A. G. Mackenzie       | 32 | 32 | 32 | 96  |
| Kennedy (S)                 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 96  |
| L/Cpl. V. M. Hammond (S)    | 30 | 32 | 32 | 94  |
| Sgt. H. V. Morris (S)       | 31 | 32 | 31 | 94  |
| Sgt. W. Steer (S)           | 28 | 32 | 35 | 95  |

(N) denotes winner of the "Nett Spoon".  
(H) denotes winner of the "Handicap".  
(P) denotes winner of the "Possible".  
(B) denotes winner of (N) or (H) spoon has his handicap reduced by one point.



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—A general view of the scene at the Royal Albert Hall during the start of the English Table Tennis Championships recently. Many continental players took part in the tournament.

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE DECIDED

### La Salle College Athletic Meet

Additional events in connection with the La Salle College annual athletic meeting were run off yesterday. The following were the results: 200 Metres (Midget).—1, A. Ruyters; 2, Wong Kong-yuet; 3, E. Tavares.

Inter-Class Relay (Senior).—1, Commercial; 2, B; 3, 2A.

Inter-Class Relay (Junior).—1, 2A; 2, Matric; 3, 3A.

Inter-Class Relay (Midget).—1, 5A; 2, 6A; 3, 4B.

Boards' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gotsche; 2, A. Tan; 3, A. Oliveira.

Boards' Race (Midget Handicap).—1, A. Ruyters; 2, J. Matute; 3, L. Chua.

Cubs' Race.—1, L. Matute; 2, E. Sanz.

1500 Metres (Challenge Cup presented by the Wing On Co.).—1, A. Sequeira; 2, P. Jorje; 3, L. Silva.

Time: 5 mins. 18 2/5 secs. (Record).

Tug of War (Inter-Class Junior).—Won by 3A.

Tug of War (Inter-Class Senior).—Won by Matric.

Senior Individual Champion.—Ronald Castro.

Junior Individual Champion.—A. Mackenzie.

Midget Individual Champion.—A. Ruyters.

Inter-Class Champions.—2A. Runners-up, Commercial.

## CRICKET MATCH CANCELLED

The whole-day cricket match arranged for Sunday between the Kowloon C.C. and the Hongkong C.C. has been cancelled.

## SPORT ADVTS

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1939, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1939.

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B.C. Mr. Sit has the title role of the play and gives a very fine impersonation of the maiden, whose idyll with the King of Wu changed the destiny of an empire.

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OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) wiggly—gognagor—gullibully mezzanine—heritable—horiforous

## Hockey Club Side To Play Navy

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Navy on the Club ground on Friday, March 31, at 5 pm:

V. M. Benwell; F. H. Stokes, V. C. Bond; H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.), W. A. Reed; F. Austin; S. A. Fowler, A. H. Pontius, E. F. A. Morgan, N. B. Whitley and R. A. Bates.

Unless it is raining very much this game will be played. All team enquiries should be addressed to H. J. D. Lowe, c/o I.C.I. Hongkong.

## England Team To Play Scotland

London, Mar. 27. The English football team to oppose Scotland at Hampden Park on April 15 will be as follows:

Woodley (Chelsea); Morris (Wolverhampton); Hapgood (Arsenal); Cullis (Wolverhampton); Mercer (Everton); Matthews (Stoke); Hall (Tottenham); Lawton (Everton); Goulden (Manchester City) and Brook (Manchester City).—Reuter.

## BOGEY (PAR) POOL

F. D. Hunter (1), all square, won the Bogey (Par) Pool played at Fanning over the week-end. There were twenty entries.

## Crossword Puzzle

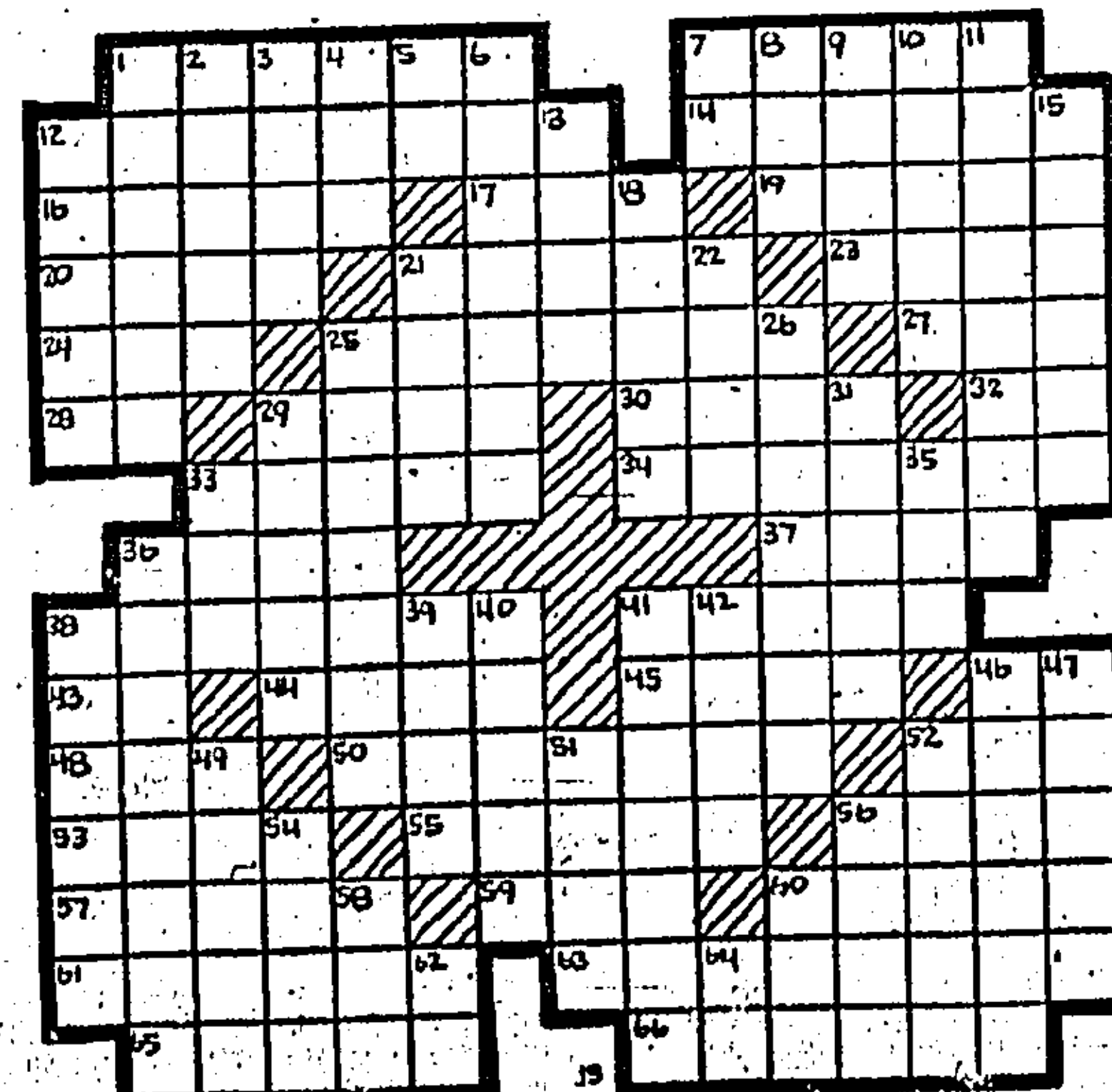
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

1. Tasted flavor of
2. Framework of bars
3. Lined over
4. Ventilated
5. Article of clothing (slang)
6. Draw blood
7. Parasol
8. Prima donna
9. Piece of land
10. Travelling
11. Instruction desolates
12. Palatial
13. Chum (col.)
14. Tedium
15. Scatole for
16. Dips
17. Observed
18. Took false tale
19. Drove
20. Seize suddenly
21. Young lady
22. Grassy surface-soil
23. Consumption
24. Insulation
25. House of gods
26. Gambling game
27. Man's name

DOWN

1. Matter of clothes
2. Authoritative picture (French)
3. Origin of plant
4. Shred
5. Letter of alphabet
6. Circulation routes
7. Beam (arch.)
8. Burial
9. Dips
10. Underfoot
11. Ropes
12. Hair
13. Unlabeled
14. Who follows
15. Values col.
16. Protecting alien
17. Dress suddenly
18. Thin paper sheet
19. Glass collar
20. Endure
21. Place
22. Chair
23. Put into case
24. Concerning in action
25. Oversee with water
26. Lament
27. After permanent
28. Fund to
29. Star
30. Driver for
31. Superiority
32. God of night wind
33. Delicate
34. Rough
35. Sketch
36. Woodland deity
37. Device for sliding
38. Run away
39. Round
40. Whole
41. Measurably (adv.)
42. Trip



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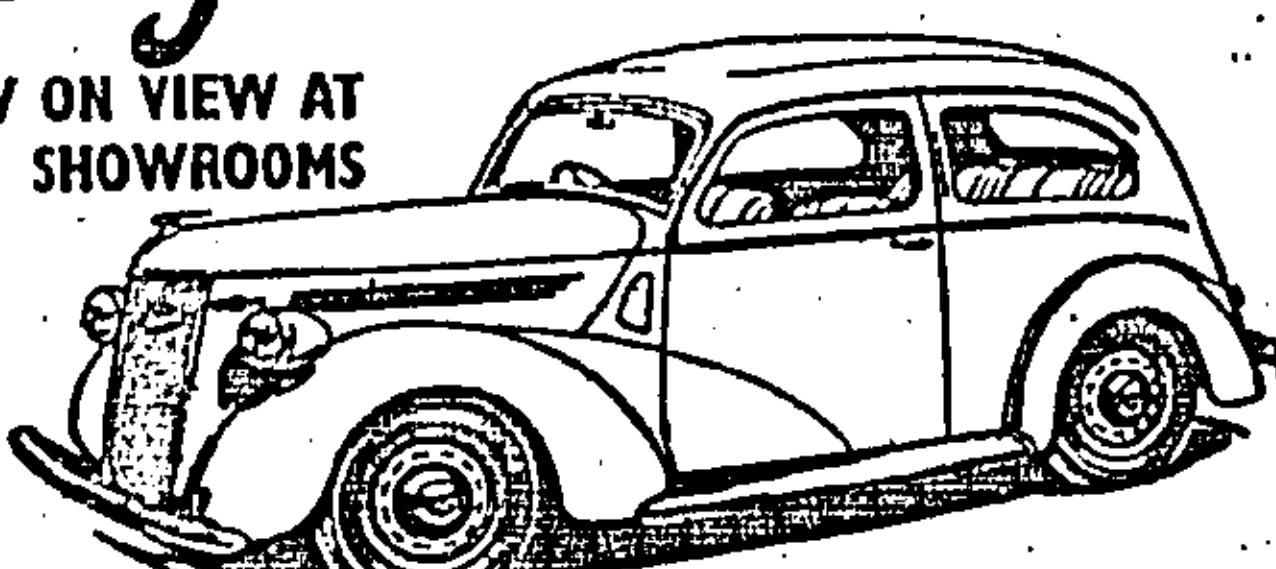
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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1889.  
W. S. Gilbert, it is well known, likes to design the dresses of the women in his plays. In any of his comedies, however, he is not content with the usual improvements, and all such improvements, and I think that women's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure.

It is stated that while at Eton Mr. Gladstone was only fifteen years of age, and that was for refusing to betray a school-fellow who got into trouble.

Thus the San Francisco News Letter: "Chinamen and Britishers seem to be running a race for unpopularity just at present, with the chances of the largest measure of success being in favour of the Britishers."

The Liverpool Post tells the terrible fate of a congregation of church-goers, who, on being called to rise and receive the benediction, found themselves glued fast to the seats with the new varnish that had not quite dried. Never before was the church so absolutely united, and never one so intemperate in purpose. A frantic chase resulted in success; but there was not a whole coat or dress in the congregation. Silk and broadcloth upturned every seat, and the horrified people rushed into the streets holding their hands over the most exposed parts. The benediction was a failure.

The Imperious has been on the other side of the island that week, pinching her guns and torpedoes. She caused great consternation amongst the villagers at Aberdeen and Stanley when she tried up her torpedo-netting; they thought she was fishing, and the beach was covered with groups of fishermen hawking the wholesale capture of their lawful prey.

The greatest national debt among the nations of the globe is borne by France. It is about £1,500,000,000. Russia comes next with £800,000,000; then England with £500,000,000; Austro-Hungary with £200,000,000; Italy with £150,000,000; Spain with £100,000,000, and Prussia with £50,000,000. Compare these with the present day. France owes £2,500,000,000; Russia owes £1,250,000,000; what she will probably never pay; Britain owes £800,000,000, and is borrowing another £200,000,000. (As much again as the total debt 50 years ago); Hungary owes £100,000,000; Italy owes £100,000,000; Spain owes £100,000,000 before the Civil War, and Germany owes £200,000,000.—Ed.)

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1914.

### ARMY V. PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE

More Party Heat in the Commons  
FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH RESIGNS

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain characterized Colonel Seely's resignation as a put-up job, and said that Colonel Seely had never prepared the paragraph which the Government now repudiated, in consultation with Lord Morley. If these Ministers remained, there the matter which they approved was binding on their colleagues.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who was charged with the responsibility of repudiating Mr. Chamberlain's statement, said that Lord Morley had never revised nor examined the two paragraphs which had been referred to. He mentioned that the matter which was ordered to remain on the 11th inst. would remain there during the crisis, and went on to declare that the great issue of the war was the responsibility of the Government, and that every effort had been made to show that it was always right to shoot a Radical or a Tory.

Telegrams from Dublin and the Curragh state that the majority of the cavalry officers reiterated their determination to resign rather than act against Ulster.

### 10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1929.

The War Office announces that the North and South China Commands will be amalgamated at the close of the month. Major-General A. E. Wardrop, at present commanding the British troops in North China, will return home and the combined Command will be assumed by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has just taken over the South China Command from Major-General C. C. Luard.

Major-General Sandilands will remain at Hongkong with an augmented Staff. The Shanghai area will be commanded as at present by Brigadier-General O. C. Barrett, who has been in command of the 14th Infantry Brigade, Shanghai, since 1927. The Tientsin area will be commanded by Brig.-Gen. Ronald M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been Officer Commanding, North China, since 1926.

The carelessness of a watchman in dropping a lighted cigarette among a pile of inflammable decorating materials is believed to be responsible for the devastating fire which has almost completely destroyed the great new German liner Europa in the Hibernia and Voss ship-yard.

The National Government in a proclamation officially declaring the Wuhan area neutral, has ordered General Li Chung-yeu and General Pao Chung-hai of conspiracy against the Nanking regime, and a veiled threat of punishment to come in causing deep concern to friends of Marshal Li Chung-yeu, who is a prisoner at Nanking.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left for Kiating to direct operations. Already 60,000 troops are reported to be moving against Ping-hiang and Changsha, while 10,000 others are to press forward against Wuhan.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will personally direct the right flank, and Hankow is to be attacked from Anhui.

### 5 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1934.

Important developments in the direction of security undertakings between Britain and France may possibly follow the conference which the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, had with Sir John Simon last evening.

It is learned, exclusively, that the conversation centred round the question of further guarantees. France would require in order to modify her attitude towards the British draft Disarmament Convention, and that negotiations for lightening up British commitments may follow.

This is interpreted as Britain's final effort to secure a settlement in Europe—although there is no indication of what concessions Britain may make to meet France's demands.

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Brushes, mops and brooms come up for inspection.

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DURING the annual spring clean is a good time to put household "wrinkles" to the test, and though most homemakers have their own pet methods, here are some of my own which may help the work along more quickly.

They are arranged in alphabetical order so that you can cut them out to paste in a note-book or hang them up for quick reference.

**ALABASTER** light fittings can be cleaned with a cloth soaked in turpentine, then polished with wax floor polish or furniture cream. This produces a glossy surface.

**BRASS** ornaments. If badly tarnished, first clean with a cut lemon dipped in coarse salt. Rinse, dry and polish with metal polish. Clean off the old lacquer from shabby lacquered brass bedstead with a mixture of turpentine and powdered bath-powder, clean with metal polish, then give a new coat of lacquer.

**CARPETS** which cannot be taken to the vacuum cleaner, then rubbed up with a cloth wrung out in equal parts of boiling water and vinegar.

Cover oil or grease stains with a thick paste of Fuller's earth and water, leave to dry, then brush out.

**DISINFECTED** walls. Rub down with a pad made of old lace or net to remove surface dust. Washable wallpaper can then be cleaned with warm water. Wring cloth fairly dry, work from skirting upwards and pat to prevent streaks.

**EIDERDOWNS**, to dry clean. Brush thoroughly, then sprinkle sheets of newspaper thickly with starch, put the eiderdown on them and sprinkle more starch on top. Roll up loosely in the paper, put away in a cool, dry place for two or three days, then brush free of starch.

**FLOORS**. To whiten plain wooden floors, add two tablespoonfuls of glycerine to the pail of scrubbing water. If you are re-staining floors, remove old stain first with a special stain remover.

Composition floors in kitchen or bathroom can be cleaned with turpentine and steel wool. Leave to dry, then wax polish. Glazed polish on woodblock floors can also be removed with steel wool. Dust well before repolishing.

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**GLASS**. Put a little washing blue in the rinsing water, and polish with a leather or pad of tissue paper. The blue produces a lovely sparkle. Clean frosted glass with a handful of Epsom-salt in warm water. Rub dry with a cloth or leather.

**HEARTHES**. Clean tiled hearths or surrounds with a cut lemon, then polish with wax floor polish. Loose tiles in hearth or curb can be refixed with fire cement.

**IVORY** or composition piano keys. Whiten with a mixture of lemon juice and whitening. Rub on carefully, leave to dry, then brush off. Slightly soiled ivory can be cleaned with methylated spirit or eau-de-cologne sprinkled on a soft cloth.

**JEWELLERY**. To restore the lustre of pearls, real or imitation, bury them in powdered magnesia for a few hours.

Gold is put in a cup of warm water with a few drops of ammonia added, then polished with jeweller's rouge dampened with ammonia.

Stones, with the exception of opals and turquoise, can be cleaned with soft volatile.

**KITCHEN** tables, to whiten. Scrub with a mixture of 1/2 lb. soft soap, 1/2 lb. silver sand and six tablespoonfuls chloride of lime. Rinse well with hot water when clean.

**LINEOLEUM**. Clean first with turpentine, wash with soapy water, then rub over with boiled starch. When dry, polish with wax floor polish. Worn lineoleum can be re-surfaced with a liquid preparation. There is also a transparent grade for reviving patterned lineoleums.

**MARBLE**. Black shoe polish gives a glossy finish to black marble mantelpieces and clocks. Use sparingly and polish with a soft duster.

**NET** curtains. To tint faded net a creamy colour, mix a teaspoonful of powdered yellow ochre with a little cold water, strain through muslin and add to starch or last rinsing water.

**OXIDISED** bronze or silver. Clean with a cloth soaked in linseed oil or olive oil or with vasoline. Afterwards polish with furniture cream.

**PAINT**. Clean matt paint with a cloth wrung out in hot water and dipped in whitening, rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

Add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to warm, soapy water for glossy paint. Dry, then polish with a trace of furniture cream. Grained and varnished woodwork can be cleaned with a cloth soaked with linseed oil, then polished.

**QUANTITIES** can be fairly accurately measured if you remember that the average pail holds two gallons of water, and that one tablespoonful of liquid and a heaped tablespoonful of powder each equal one ounce.

**RUGS**. It is possible to wash fur and sheepskin rugs in warm soap suds with hot water. Remove backing, squeeze out surplus water, rub with old towels and hang over the line to finish dry. They can also be dry cleaned with hot bran, which is rubbed well into the fur. Afterwards brush well.

**SASH CORDS**. Rub over with a damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.



then rub with yellow soap. They will slide easily and last longer.

**TILES**. Red quarry tiles should be well rubbed with soft soap. Leave soap on overnight, then scrub with hot water and a stiff brush. Rinse, dry, then polish with red tile polish to bring up the colour.

**UPHOLSTERY**. Greasy patches will usually yield to carbon tetrachloride. Brush well in so that it loosens the dirt, then remove this with a clean, dry cloth.

Upholstered chairs can be freshened with hot bran. Brush first to remove surface dust, then rub with the hot, dry bran, finishing by brushing again with a stiff, clean clothes brush.

**VELVET** and chenille. Wash in warm soap suds with a little ammonia added to force out the dirt. Rinse in tepid water, squeeze out surplus water, and dry quickly in the open. Press by drawing the wrong side of the material over the edge of a hot iron.

**EXTRA** materials for spring clean are ammonia, vinegar, turpentine, paraffin, carbon, tetrachloride, bran, powdered magnesia, borax, steel wool. Start with clean mops and dusters and sprinkle them with a little paraffin beforehand. They will pick up dust and help to put on the shine.

**YOU** will find it helpful to make a list of soaps and polishes required, which will save running out for forgotten items. Furniture cream, wax and floor polish, red tile polish, metal ing. They can also be dry cleaned with hot bran, which is rubbed well into the fur. Afterwards brush well.

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**ZINC** baths and draining boards can be made shining with a paste of whitening and vinegar. Rub well in, damp cloth when cleaning the paint, rinse with hot water and dry.



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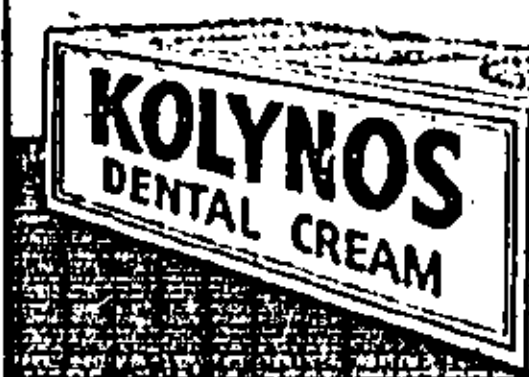
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### Anglo-Russian Trade Parleys

Moscow, Mar. 27.

A communique issued after Mr. R. S. Hudson's talks with Soviet officials, states that the foundation laid for trade negotiations will be continued in London.

Views were exchanged on the international situation, and personal contact has been established for co-operation in international affairs.—Reuter.

### U.S. Appropriations For Army

Washington, Mar. 27.

The Senate to-day passed the \$513,000,000 army appropriation Bill which now returns to the House for action on the amendments.

It is also stated that President Roosevelt has asked Congress for additional funds, totalling over \$14,250,000 for the navy, for the purchase of further aeroplanes during the fiscal year of 1940.—Reuter.

### Chinese Currency Bill In Lords

London, Mar. 27.

The House of Lords to-day gave a second reading, with a division, to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Bill.

Lord Templemore drew attention to China's reputation for high financial integrity, and Lord Snell, on behalf of the Labour Opposition, expressed pleasure that this gesture to help a sorely-pressed nation had been made at last.—Reuter.

### Short Cuts

A dress that is to be remodelled has to be ripped carefully. Use a sharp knife or pointed scissors in ripping seams apart and be sure you do not stretch the material, especially at the neck and armholes.

Wrinkled neckties may be freshened as follows: Cut a cardboard form to fit into the wide or outer end of the tie. Cover with a dampened cheesecloth and press with hot iron.

Try putting yellowed ivory in the sun to dry after washing with soap and water. After several treatments of this kind they should begin to grow whiter.

### Centenary Postage Stamps For U.K.

London, Mar. 27.

On the occasion of the centenary of the introduction of postage stamps into Britain in 1840, the Post Office will issue four commemorative stamps of 1/4d, 1d, 1 1/4d, and 2 1/4d denominations.

Designs have been invited from 30 artists, and bodies representing the art industry will be asked to advise in connection with the judging of the designs.—Reuter Special.

### Gold Exports To Czecho-Slovakia

London, Mar. 27.

The Czecho-Slovak Restriction on Banking Accounts Bill passed its third reading to-day and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.



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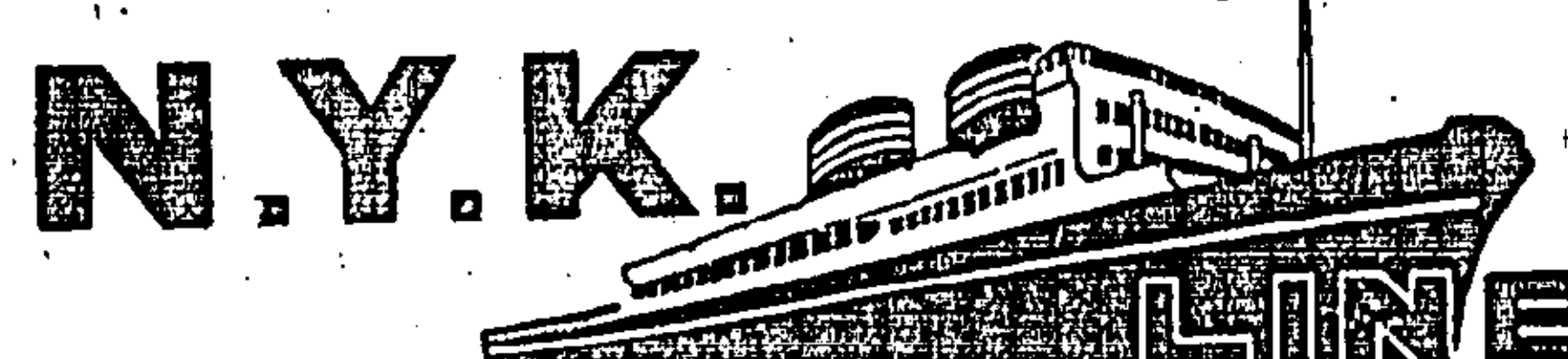
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| CHITRAL   | 16,500 | 30th Mar. Noon.  | Shanghai & Japan. |
| NELLORE   | 7,000  | 8th April        | Shanghai & Japan. |
| SANTHA    | 8,000  | 13th April       | Shanghai & Japan. |
| CARTHAGE  | 14,500 | 13th Apr.        | Shanghai & Japan. |
| RAJPUTANA | 17,000 | 27th Apr.        | Shanghai & Japan. |
| TALMA     | 10,000 | 27th Apr.        | Shanghai & Japan. |
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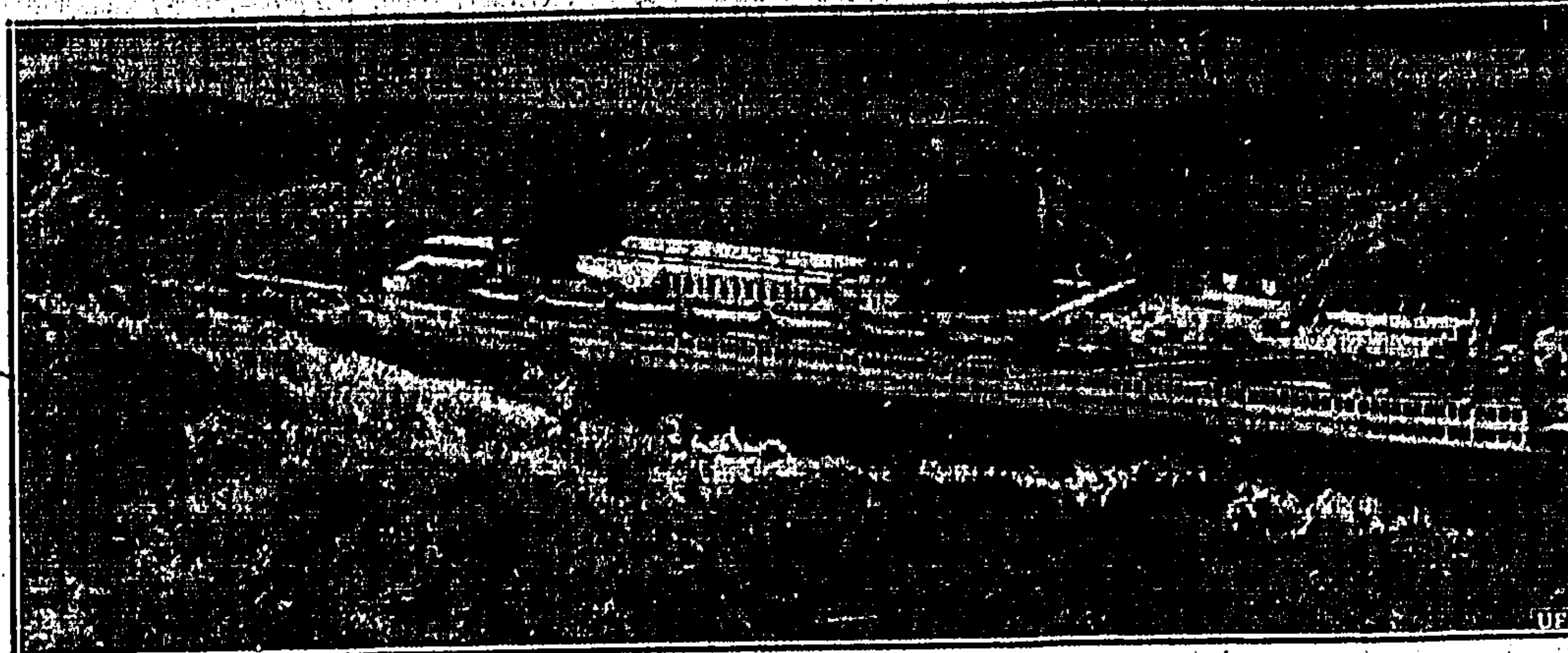
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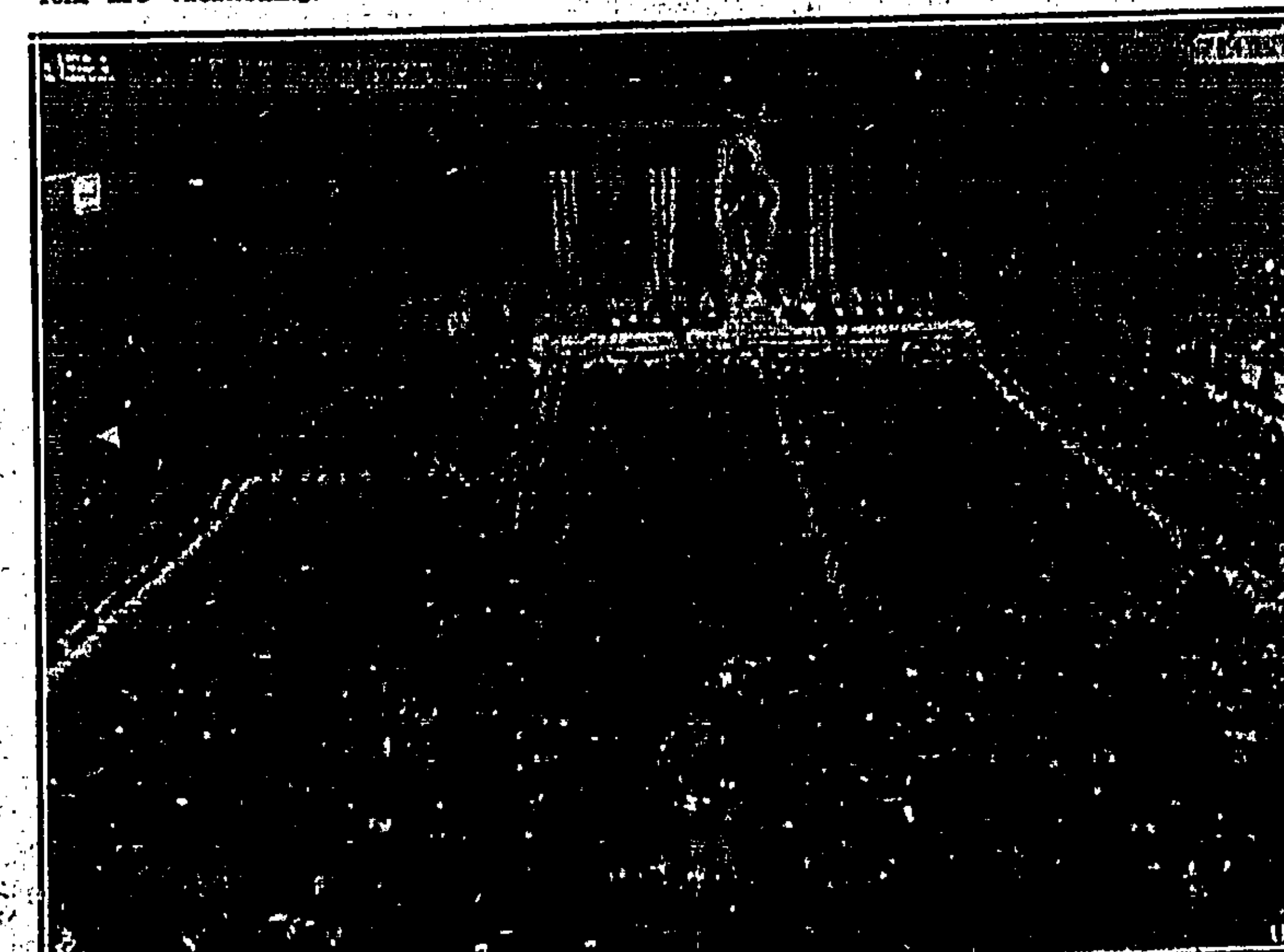
Bright skies, balmy weather and a vast crowd saw the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition off to a grand start, on Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay. Here is one of the elephant trains, with tusks protruding near the headlights, that help to relieve tired feet.



Striking two-piece sun suit is shown by Mrs. Richard E. Beck of Chicago, as she strolls at the Sun and Surf Club at Palm Beach, Fla., where many society folk are vacationing.



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## BRITAIN & THE FAR EAST

### Soviet May Insist On "Halt Japan" Move As Reward For Assistance

LONDON, Mar. 27.  
A CONFERENCE in the Foreign Office to-day between Lord Halifax and the Chinese Ambassador shows that Britain is closely following events in the Far East, despite its pre-occupation in Europe.

It is understood that they discussed the possible repercussions of the growth of German power with regard to Japan as a partner to the Axis, since Lord Halifax is aware that Japan's Iron Hand in China may now be more free, due to both Britain and France being immersed in European affairs.

The British Ambassador to Tokyo will leave Yokohama on Saturday next aboard the Empress of Canada for Shanghai, where he will confer for several days with the British Ambassador to China.

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be accompanied by similar "Halt Japan" measures.  
The reports that military and diplomatic negotiations are proceeding in Berlin and Tokyo are causing increased British vigilance.

One section of the British Government still believes that in the event of war influential Japanese leaders will try provisionally to maintain Japanese neutrality.

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